

# DECISION

**Request Number: 4**

## Protest

**Event:** Etchells World Championship    **Race Number:** 4

**Hearing Date:** 2017-09-28

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** Etchells - GBR 1431 - Strait Dealer - David Franks

**Respondent(s):** Etchells - USA 1229 - Capricorn - Ethan Doyle

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**DECISION:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### FACTS FOUND

1. GBR 1431 entered the zone of the windward mark on port tack overlapped to windward and inside USA 1229
2. USA 1229 luffed
3. GBR 1431 made contact with the mark and bow 71
4. USA 1229 took 2 penalty turns after the offset mark

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

- GBR 1431 broke RRS 11 while she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled but is exonerated under RRS 21.
- USA 1229, as outside overlapped boat at the zone, failed to give GBR 1431 mark-room, breaking RRS 18.2(b)
- USA 1229 took a 2-turns penalty

### DECISION

Protest Upheld

No further penalty imposed on USA.

**Date & Time:** 2017-09-27 19:37 PDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Dick Watts (USA)

**Committee Members:** Luca Babini (ITA), Ron Barak (ISR), Douglas Sloan (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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