

# DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 05

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 06

Event: 2024 Spring Fest Race Number: 5  
Hearing Schedule: 2024-04-07 18:30

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 05:** J/105 - USA 135 - J Tripper - Eric Raff

J/105 - USA 502 - Theresa Brandner / Traci Thomas

**Request No.: 06:** J/105 - USA 502 - Theresa Brandner / Traci Thomas

J/105 - USA 196 - Risk - Scott Whitney

**Witnesses:** Alejandro Huneus: 135, Nedko Vassilev: 502

## 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

1. Betsy Weiler represented J105 196
2. It was determined during the course of the hearing that the incident occurred in race 5 instead of race 4 and the hearing request was amended.

## FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 12 to 15 knots. The current was approximately 2 knots running left to right across the course.
2. J105 196 was approaching the left gate of the second leg of the course rounding to starboard
3. 196 entered the zone clear ahead of other boats.
4. J105 502 was approaching the same mark to windward and astern of 196, and overlapped to windward of J105 116.
5. 196 doused her spinnaker in the zone and began rounding the mark.
6. Because of the current and the maneuvering of 196, 116 and 502 became inside overlapped at the mark.
7. 116 altered course to take the stern of 196 and 502 tacked above the mark to avoid a collision.
8. J105 135 was approaching the same leeward mark to round to starboard.
9. As 135 approached the mark, 502 was 90 degrees to the wind just above the mark after completing her tack.
10. 502 continued to sail wide of the mark to avoid 135 and 135 took the stern of 502.
11. 135 rounded the mark inside of 502 and 502 followed.
12. There was no contact between any of the boats.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 11, 14, 18

1. 502 (and 116), clear astern at the time 196 reached the zone, gave 196 the mark-room to which she was entitled under RRS 18.2(b).
2. 502, in the zone and overlapped with 135, freely gave 135 room to round the mark inside of her, thus 135 gave 502 the mark-room she was entitled under RRS 18.2(a).

DECISION

Date & Time: 2024-04-07 19:03 PDT

No rule was broken. The Protest is Dismissed

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Paul Zupan (USA)

**Committee Members:** Richard Reitmeyer () John Stewart