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Race No. 6	Leg Beat	
Protestor GER 271 - Michelle Elle Felix		
Protestee INT14 - GBR 1546 - Jungle Fire		

Description

In race 6 while on our third upwind, we were on port tack going upwind. USA1207 and GBR1546 came downwind under spinnaker in front of us, also on port tack, which gave us the right of way being Leewards.

We yelled out loud multiple times , causing the USA boat to go behind us to give right of way. We continued yelling towards GBR1546 to claim room and avoid collision. When no reaction came from GBR1546 we reduced speed, to avoid the collision. However, GBR1546 hit us bow first , hitting our port rack and sticking their bowsprit between our main sail and the boom. We immediately yelled if anybody was injured while pulling the bowsprit out of our rig, to avoid further damage from the boats being entangled. During this procedure both boats capsized. We separated the boats further to a distance that we could upright the boat. Being the leeward boat still, we righted our boat first, which caused us to gain distance immediately. We checked for damage and discovered cracks in the left side of the foredeck as well as delamination on our port rack tube, forcing us to abandon the race. In the distance we saw GBR1546 setting the spinnaker again continuing the race. Due to the damages we headed towards the harbour right away, keeping clear of the regatta without setting the kite.

After the race, on land, the helm of AUS651 approached us , saying he has witnessed the crash.

Penalty Taken

None

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