

DECISION

Request Number: 01

Protest

Event: Knarr and J/105 Regatta Race Number: 4
Hearing Date: 2019-06-02

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: J105 - 385 - Maverick - Mays Dicky

Respondent(s): J105 - 40 - Blackhawk - Brent Draney

Witnesses: Dennis Rowedder, John Oldham, Ryan Simmons

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

No conflicts of interest.

Blackhawk is sail number 40 and is the only boat being protested by Maverick. Boat 44 was mentioned in error on the protest form.

FACTS FOUND

1. First windward rounding wind speed 18 knots. Current providing a slight push from left to right.
2. Blackhawk on port about 1 boatlength from the port layline.
3. Maverick on converging course slightly below close hauled on starboard.
4. Blackhawk luffed to begin tacking
5. Maverick altered course to windward to avoid a collision with Blackhawk.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. After passing head to wind and before reaching a close-hauled course, Blackhawk failed to keep clear of Maverick, as required by RRS 13.
2. Maverick had a reasonable apprehension of collision and altered course as required by RRS 14 (case 50).

DECISION

Protest Upheld, Blackhawk to be scored DSQ

Date & Time: 2019-06-02 17:18 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Thomas Allard (USA)

Committee Members: Thomas Allard (USA), Danielle Lawson (USA) Steve Taft

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