

DECISION

Request Number: 10

Protest

Event: International 6 Metre Class World Championship **Race Number:** 4

Hearing Date: 2017-09-19

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: 6m - USA US 100 - St Francis V - David A Linger

Respondent(s): 6m - SUI CAN 123 - Finnegan - Thedy Schmid

Witnesses: Representative for US 100: Gavin Brackett

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required serious damage - 61.1(4)

Red Flag Displayed: Not required see above

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. US 100 and CAN 123 were sailing to windward on the starboard tack layline with US 100 overlapped 2 boat lengths to leeward of CAN 123.
2. CAN 123 bore off and collided with USA 100 .
3. The collision caused a hole 9" x 4" in the wooden hull about 6" above the waterline.
4. CAN 123 did a one turn penalty.
5. US 100 finished the race in 22nd place

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

- CAN 123 to windward failed to keep clear of US 100 to leeward, breaking RRS 11.
- CAN 123 did not avoid a collision and caused serious damage breaking rule 14.
- It was not reasonably possible for US 100, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with CAN 123 when it was clear that CAN 123 was not keeping clear and did not break RRS 14.
- US 100 finishing position was not made significant;y worse.
- CAN 123 was required to retire as per RRS 44.1(b)

DECISION

Protest Upheld

CAN 123 DSQ in race 4. Redress not granted

Date & Time: 2017-09-18 20:39 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Egil Wold (NOR)

Committee Members: Don Becker (USA), Rick Hatch (CAN), Jared Hickman (USA), Michael Turner (CAN)

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