

DECISION

Request Number: 1

Protest

Event: International 6 Metre Class Westerleigh Cup **Race Number:** 1

Hearing Date: 2017-09-16

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: 6m - CAN KC 79 - Starwagon - Nigel Ashman

Respondent(s): 6m - ESP GBR 52 - Mena - Violeta Alvarez (represented by Charlie Hatfield)

Witnesses: Antonio Otero (witness for GBR 52)

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

wind 6 kts, flat water

1. KC 79 closed hauled on starboard approaching the start line to start
2. GBR 52 sailing below close hauled approaching KC 79.
3. KC 79 overlapped to leeward of GBR 52 at 45 secs before start signal
4. KC 79 hailed 3 times for GBR 52 to come up.
5. At 10 secs before the start, GBR 52 started to turn up. At the same time KC 79 luffed slightly - the sails did not luff
6. KC 79 bore off to avoid contact when the boats were 1 to 1.5 m apart

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

GBR 52, to windward failed to keep clear of KC 79 to leeward, breaking RRS 11.

DECISION

Protest Upheld
GBR 52 DSQ

Date & Time: 2017-09-16 08:54 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jared Hickman (USA)

Committee Members: Don Becker (USA), Rick Hatch (CAN), Michael Turner (CAN), Egil Wold (NOR)

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