

DECISION

Request No.: 07

Request for Redress

Event: 2022 Rolex Big Boat Series Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2022-09-16 17:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: J/88 - One Design - USA 78 - Split Water - Mark Howe

Race Committee

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Parker Mitchell represented split water

Jeff Johnson represented the RC

FACTS FOUND

1. 12-22 knots of wind with a 1-2 knot flood tide.
2. Split Water, a J88, was leading Race 4 by a significant margin when they rounded the last mark, west of the Golden Gate Bridge
3. A tanker began progressing down the south side of the course,
4. Split Water hoisted their spinnaker and sailed a converging course with the tanker
5. As she neared the tanker, an RC boat approached Split Water and flew the W flag
6. Split Water complied with the RC instruction and sailed away from the course of the tanker,
7. Split Water then jibed back and returned to a converging course with the tanker
8. An RC boat approached Split Water and flew the W flag
9. Split Water dropped her spinnaker and sat head to wind until the tanker passed.
10. 2 other boats in the J88 fleet passed astern of the tanker shortly after rounding the mark and finished ahead of Split Water

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: SI 19.2

1. Split Water complied with her obligation under SI 19.2 by immediately altering her course to avoid impeding the passage of the commercial vessel when signaled to do so by the RC.
2. There was neither an improper action nor omission of the race committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(a) are not met.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-09-16 17:25 PDT

Redress denied.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Francisco Jauregui (MEX)

Committee Members: Grant Baldwin (USA), Elias Gonzalez (MEX), Danielle Lawson (USA), Xinzu Gu (CHN)