

DECISION

Request No.: 04

Protest

Event: SCYA Midwinters Race Number: 04
Hearing Schedule: 2024-02-17

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 04: J/109 - - - USA 7067OD - Spray - Peter Nelson

M242 - - - USA 23 - Trolley Car - Alan Field

Witnesses: Brian Bosworth Spray

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes Within minute when safe to display

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was 10 to 12 knots; smooth seas.
2. Trolley Car was on port tack on a lay line to a windward mark to be left to port.
3. Spray was on a starboard tack on the lay line to the mark.
4. Trolley Car tacked on to starboard tack to round the mark within one boat length of the mark.
5. Change direction to starboard above close hauled to avoid making contact with Trolley Car.
6. As Trolley Car continued tacking around the mark, her starboard stern made contact with Spray's port front quarter.
7. Spray yelled protest, and flew her flag as soon as possible avoiding other boats.
8. Neither boat took a penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 18.3 15

1. Trolley Car on port failed to keep clear of Spray on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. After Trolley Car passed head to wind from port to starboard tack inside the zone and was then fetching the mark, she caused Spray on starboard tack since entering the zone, to sail above close hauled to avoid contact. Trolley Car broke RRS 18.3.
3. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, Trolley Car failed to initially give Spray room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15 .

DECISION

Trolley Car is DSQ in race 4.

Date & Time:

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Peter Glick (USA)

Committee Members: Ann Ach (USA), Bill Moore (USA)