

# DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 05

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 06

Event: Spring Fest Race Number: 5  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-04-10

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: J/105 - J105 - 268 - Peaches - Michael Rivlin

J/105 - J105 - 357 - Yellowfin - Dick Maclay

Request No.: 06: J/105 - 85 - Roulette - William Woodruff

J/105 - 268 - Peaches - Michael Rivlin

## 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

1. Michael Rivlin, Thomas Allard and Paul Zupan appeared via Zoom conference call.
2. Elizabeth Zhang appeared for Russian Roulette

## FACTS FOUND

1. There was about 1 knot of favorable current with 15 to 18 knots of wind.
2. Yellowfin was on starboard sailing on a broad reach downwind from the windward mark approaching the obstruction at Anita Rock as described in the sailing instructions (SI 9.1(b), area between Anita Rock Light and the closest point on shore).
3. Peaches was overlapped to windward and slightly ahead of Yellowfin.
4. Russian Roulette was overlapped to windward and slightly ahead of Peaches.
5. All three boats were flying their spinnakers.
6. Russian Roulette began hailing for room to gybe at 15 boat lengths from the obstruction.
7. Peaches passed that hail onto to Yellowfin.
8. Yellowfin gybed near the obstruction.
9. Peaches gybed and cleared the obstruction.
10. Russian Roulette was unable to gybe in time to avoid crossing the imaginary line between Anita Rock and shore.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 19.2, SI 9.1(b)

1. Yellowfin, the outside boat at the obstruction, failed to give Peaches sufficient room to pass between her and the obstruction, despite being able to do so from the time the overlap began. Yellowfin broke RRS 19.2(b).
2. Peaches, the middle boat at the obstruction, failed to give Russian Roulette room to pass between her and the obstruction, breaking RRS 19.2(b), but is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b).
3. Russian Roulette, failed to comply with the sailing instructions but is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a).

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-04-10 17:30 PDT

Yellowfin is to be scored DSQ for race 5.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Danielle Lawson (USA)

**Committee Members:** Thomas Allard (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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