Protest

Protest No: 02

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1. Event Name: 2022 RVYC One Design Series

Protest On: 2022-06-30

Race No: 2

2. Hearing Type

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	✓ Protest	Request to Reopen
	Protest by RC	Reopening by PC
	Protest by PC	Request for Redress
	Protest by TC	Request for Redress by RC
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3. Protestor

M 242 - Martin 242 od - 231 - Checkmate - Matt Alexander

4. Protestees

1. M242 - M242 one design - 272 - Crown Royal - Tim Murphy

5. Incident

Time Place: Race 2 windward mark second rounding

Rules: 18.3, 14, 31

Witnesses: Alan Drinkwater

6. Informing Protestee

✓ Hail:

Hail When: Immediately

Hail Comment: Protest .. do your turns

Red Flag Comment Immediately

Other:

Other Comment:

7. Description Of Incident

231 was on starboard approaching the windward mark, 272 was on port tack. Both yachts were on layline. Both boats were within the 3 BL circle. The wind was light, boatspeed was between 2.0 and 2.4 knots on the velocitek. 272 attempted to tack in front of 231 at the mark. 231 hailed that we would not move our tiller ... to show that we would not go above close hauled giving them an opportunity to complete their tack. As 272 was tacking they realized they would hit the mark and attempted to avoid the mark by "shooting the mark" heading up and rapidly bearing off. 231 had to quickly head up, past close hauled, to avoid the collision. The rapid bear away caused the stern of 272 to impact the bow of 231 even though we had headed up to avoid.

We hailed that they had infringed a rule and should do a 720. They also hit the mark and didn't acknowledge that they hit the mark.

We gave them several hails to do their penalty turns and they simply chose to ignore the rules, hoisted their spinnaker and sailed away.

Rule 18.3 states

18.3. Passing Head to Wind in the Zone

If a boat in the *zone* of a *mark* to be left to port passes head to wind from *port* to *starboard tack* and is then *fetching* the *mark*, she shall not cause a boat that has been on *starboard tack* since entering the *zone* to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact and she shall give *mark-room* if that boat becomes *overlapped* inside her. When this rule applies between boats, rule 18.2 does not apply between them.

272 was on port and tacked at the mark. She caused 231 to alter course above close hauled to avoid contact ... regardless as 18.2 is switched off .. 231 did not need to give mark room, even though we did to avoid a collision .. so therefore 272 should be disqualified due to rule 18.3 and 14 for not avoiding a collision.

Piling on just a bit, they asomhit the mark as witnessed by us, 8 and 304 so they should also be dsq'd for rule 31.

8. Damage Or Injury

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Attachments

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