

DECISION

Request No.: 01

Protest

Event: 2023 J22 North American Championship Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2023-07-14 17:15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: J22 - USA 16 - Defiance - Michael Gemperline

J/22 1644 - Johan Kopernaes

Witnesses: Bow 24

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

1. Race #1
2. Wind was 7-9 knots and seas were 1/4 meter.
3. At ten seconds before the start both boats were 2 boat lengths below the middle of the start line.
4. J/22 #1644 created an overlap within 2/3 meters and to leeward of J/22 #16 from astern.
5. J/22 #16 immediately after the overlap occurred, altered course to windward.
6. Contact occurred between J/22 #16's port stern quarter and J/22 1644 's starboard bow half way between the shrouds and the bow.
7. Contact occurred less than 5 seconds after the overlap was created.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 15

1. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, J/22 #1644 failed to initially give J/22 #16 room to keep clear and broke RRS 15.
2. J /22 #16 to windward failed to keep clear of J/22 #1644 to leeward and broke RRS 11.
3. Since J/22 #16 broke RRS 11 while she was sailing in the room she was entitled to by RRS 15 she is exonerated by RRS 43.1 (b).

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Date & Time: 2023-07-15 09:32 EDT

1. J/22 #1644 is DSQ from race #1.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Bill Simon (USA)

Committee Members: Pat Healy (USA), Tom Clarke (BER)