

DECISION

Request No.: 07

Protest

Event: Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta 2022 Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-25

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 07: 2022 Cruiser 1 - 4425L - Sea Symphony - David Banks

2022 Cruiser Passage Race - 4343X - Orixia - Gordon Coutts

Witnesses: Jonathon Laing - Perfect Match

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

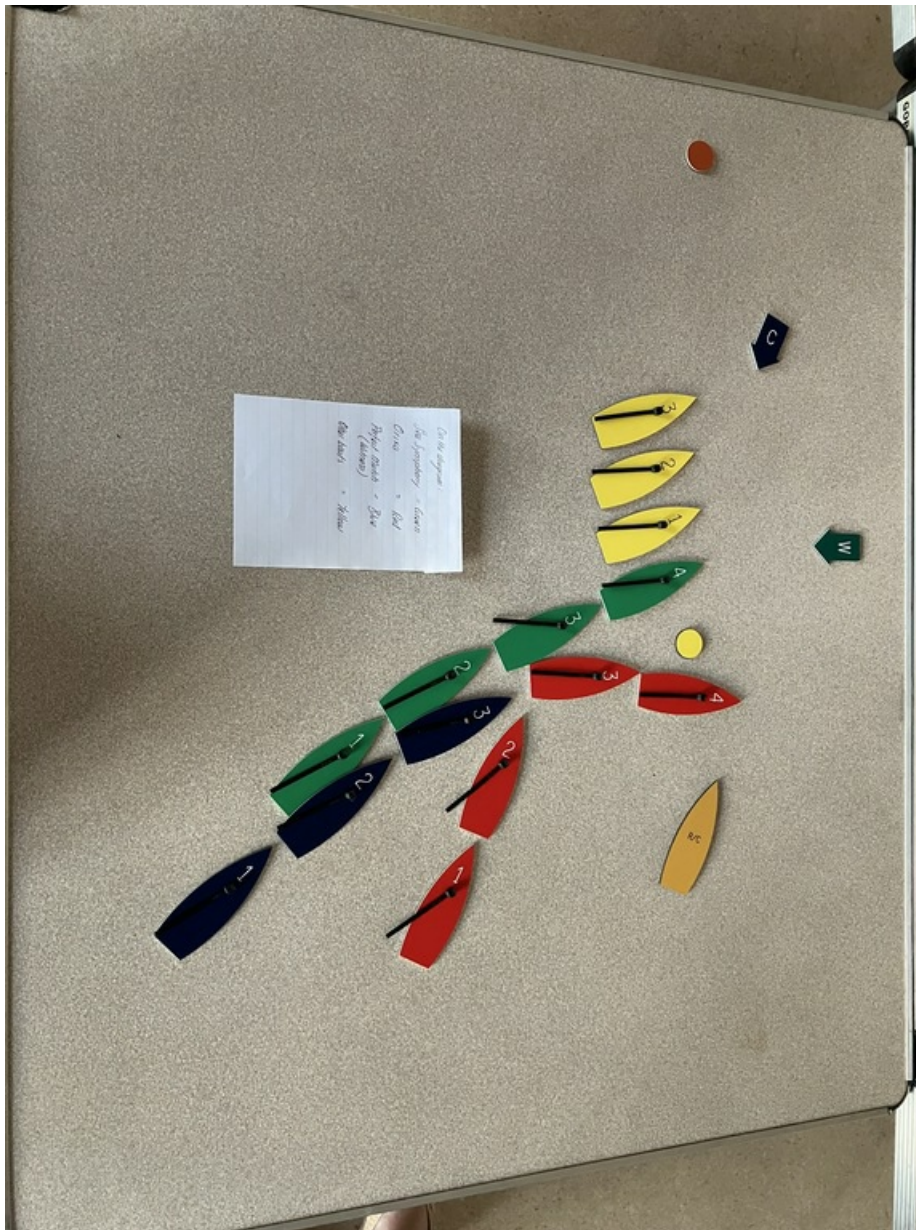
Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Representing Protestor Petr Banks

FACTS FOUND

- at 10 boat lengths Sea Symphony's approaching line to start at 4.5 kts on starboard close hauled in light winds, with current taking boats towards committee end
- Sea Symphony was close hauled and close to windward of 3 other boats all close hauled (2-3m between boats)
- At 5-6 boat lengths, Orixia was approaching on a fetch to windward at 5-5.5 kts and was overlapped
- There was space for Orixia to safely luff between the IDM and the committee boat
- At less than a boat length from the inner distance mark, Orixia luffed
- Witness was on the bow of Perfect Match which was behind and slightly to windward of Sea Symphony.
- Witness stated there was no course change from Sea Symphony prior to the collision
- There was a collision between the stern port quarter of Orixia and the starboard side of Sea Symphony near the rear
- Orixia passed inside the IDM
- Sea Symphony passed outside the IDM



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Diagram: Endorsed by Protest Committee

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 11, 14, 44.1

Orixa to windward failed to keep clear of Sea Symphony to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

It was not possible for Sea Symphony to avoid the collision due to three reward boats close hauled to leeward, the speed of Orixa's turn, and a boat close behind

Orixa is the keep clear boat at all times. Prior to contact, Orixa had opportunities to keep clear including going between the IDM and committee boat, or slowing.

Damage occurred, but was not serious.

DECISION

Orixa is disqualified.

Date & Time:

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Liz Procter (GBR)

Committee Members: Josh Beale (GBR), Russell Beale (GBR), Richard Courtice (GBR)