

DECISION

Request No.: 13

Protest

Event: 2022 ILCA North American Championships Race Number: 8
Hearing Schedule: 2022-07-03 17:50

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 13: ILCA 6 - CAN 203641 - Nakatsu Sullivan

ILCA 6 - USA 220416 - Straden Conrad

Witnesses: Mats Braaten 214031

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Matt Braaten attended as a witness by speaker phone.

FACTS FOUND

Wind was 15 knots with comparable seas

CAN & USA were close hauled on Port tack with CAN 2 boat lengths ahead, 2 Boat lengths to leeward.

CAN tacked to Stbd. and completed her tack 1/2 boat length from USA.

USA luffed and contact occurred with CAN mid-bow to mid-bow.

There was no damage or injury.

No boat took a penalty

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 15 & 14

When acquiring right of way through her own actions, CAN failed to initially give USA room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.

CAN did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

It was not reasonably possible for USA sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with CAN when it was clear that CAN was not giving room. USA did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

CAN 203641 is disqualified in Race 8

Date & Time: 2022-07-03 19:10 EDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Bruce Martinson (USA)

Committee Members: Pat Healy (USA), Tom Clarke (BER), Lynne Beal (CAN), Bruce Martinson (USA), Elizabeth Rouget (CAN)