

DECISION

Request No.: 02

Protest

Event: Sunset Series Race Number: 4
Hearing Schedule: 2023-05-24

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: PH B - Racing - USA 35037 - Barracuda - Allison Blecher

PH B - Racing - USA 77111 - J Boss - Dan McGanty

Witnesses: Bill Stump, Tactician from Mexican Divorce Tony Festa, Mast from Barracuda (Protestor). J Boss Main Trimmer (Protestee).

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

Parties agreed that while Chair Doug Weitz raced in the same division, there was no conflict or objection

FACTS FOUND

1. Protestor & Protestees were approaching the windward mark on the starboard layline and on Starboard tack
2. Protestee was below layline and attempting to shoot the mark
3. Protestor was overtaking to windward prior to the mark, approximately two boat lengths to windward of the mark
4. Protestee, while attempting to make the mark on Starboard, sailed too high and inadvertently crossed head to wind
5. The Protestee had their bow sprit extended at the time of the incident and collided with Protestor causing significant damage to the aft most stanchion and lifeline on the port side of the boat

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules:

Protestee made a change of course significant enough to cause it to pass head to wind, and in doing so did not give the other boat room to keep clear, thereby breaking RRS 13 and 16.

Resulting from the above, the Protestee collided with the Protestor and failure to avoid contact when reasonably possible, the Protestee also broke RRS 14.

DECISION

Protestee, J Boss, is Disqualified

Date & Time: 2023-05-24 22:49 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type: Protest Committee

Chaired By: Greg Rutter (USA)

Committee Members: Greg Rutter, organizer. Doug Weitz, Chair. Kathy St. Amant, Ray Mahaffey, jurors.