

DECISION

Request No.: 03

Protest

Event: 2022 RUYC One Design Series Race Number: September Series/Fleet Championship R8
Hearing Schedule: 2022-09-20 19:00

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Dragons - 120 - RumnMonkey - Trevor Gibbons

Dragon - 240 - Blue Angel - D.J.

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

Blue Angel (Protestee) did not come to the hearing, however correspondence indicated agreement with the Protestor's description of the incident. The hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

FACTS FOUND

- Wind was WNW 10-12kt
- Sea state was confused with .5m waves
- Incident occurred 30 seconds after the start
- Rum N Monkey was on starboard tack, fully loaded, heeled with crew on rail
- Blue Angel was on port tack
- Rum N Monkey did not see Blue Angel approach from port due to large overlapping genoa and crew on starboard/windward rail
- Blue Angel made contact with the port side of Rum N Monkey
- Rum N Monkey suffered serious damage to her mast, genoa and hull as a result of the collision
- There were no injuries
- Both boats retired following the collision

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14

1. Blue Angel on port failed to keep clear of Rum N Monkey on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. Blue Angel did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for Rum N Monkey, the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with Blue Angel when it was clear that Blue Angel was not keeping clear. Rum N Monkey did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-09-20 19:20 PDT

Protest Upheld. Blue Angel took the applicable penalty and is not further penalized.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Tom Sitar (CAN)

Committee Members: Paul Martin (CAN), Jennifer Ross (CAN) Gord McKee (CAN)