

DECISION

Protest

Request Number: 18

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 19

Event: Rolex Big Boat Series Race Number: 9
Hearing Date: 2016-09-17

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: J70 #94 Lifted

Respondent(s): J70 #29 Prime Number

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

Prime Number and Lifted entered the zone of a leeward gate mark to be left to starboard on port tack. Lifted was sailing wing by wing, Prime Number already had completed taking down her gennaker 5 lengths before the mark. Lifted luffed and took down her gennaker when she was 0.5 boat lengths lateral and 1.5 boat lengths to windward of the mark and subsequently gybed to starboard tack to sail back to the mark. Lifted was sailing 6 to 8 kts boat speed at that moment. From the moment she luffed, it took Lifted 10 seconds until she gybed. Lifted left the zone of the mark before gybing. When Lifted entered the zone again on starboard tack, she was overlapped to the outside of Prime Number. Prime Number gybed to starboard. Contact occurred between the bow of Prime Number and the aft starboard section of Lifted. Lifted suffered damage to the gelcoat on the starboard side 8 ft from the transom. No boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Prime Number was entitled to mark-room under RRS 18.2(b).
Prime Number to windward failed to keep clear from Lifted to leeward and hereby infringed RRS 11.
Prime Number was exonerated from her breach of RRS 11 under RRS 21.
Lifted failed to give mark-room to Prime Number and hereby infringed RRS 18.2(b).
Prime Number and Lifted both failed to avoid a collision when it was reasonably possible for them to do so and hereby both infringed RRS 14.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

DSQ Prime Number (#29) Race 9 RRS 14.
DSQ Lifted (#94) Race 9 RRS 11, 14, 18.2(b).

Date & Time: 2016-09-18 19:49 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: K Hawkins (USA)

Committee Members: Luca Babini (ITA), Bill Bell (AUS), Thorsten Doebbeler (GER), K Hawkins (USA), Glenn Oliver (USA)

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