

DECISION

Request Number: 3

Protest

Event: 2017 Melges 24 NorAm Championship Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2017-07-21

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: M24 - USA 832 - MYST - Rod Buck

Respondent(s): M24 - USA 855 - Looper - Duane Yoslov

Witnesses: Mike Turner (PC) - called by protest committee

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

1. wind = 15kts
2. 3 boats approach starboard side of leeward gate mark
3. at zone - 330 on port tack inside; 832 on starboard with spinnaker down and sailing deep; 855 on starboard tack with spin up and outside and sailing higher than 832
4. 855 doused their spinnaker immediately after 832 and maintained about one boat width to leeward until she was abeam of mark.
5. 832 tried to sail lower and give room to 330
6. as 855 passed the mark she began to come up and closed distance to 832 closing within two feet
7. 832 was still sailing low to give 330 markroom
8. contact between bow of 330 and starboard quarter of 832. Contact caused damage (indentations aboutn 1 foot long in outer hull skinabout 1/4 core thickness deep.
9. all bopats continued to sail after the incident.
10. no boats involved took altwernative penalty

Diagram: Protest Committee diagram attached

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

at zone, 832 owed markroom to 330. 855 owed markroom until she started to come up as she rounded the mark. That is when contact occurred between 832 and 330. 855 was not providing mark room at that time. Damage to 832 is not considered serious.
832 and 855 both broke rule 18.2(b). 832 was compelled to break 18.2(b) because 855 also broke that rule, so 832 is exonerated per rule 21.
832 and 330 both broke rule 14 but are not penalized because they had the expectation that 855 would provide markroom and no opportunity to avoid contact after it was not provided.

DECISION

Protest Upheld
855 is DSQ.

Date & Time: 2017-07-20 19:05 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Charles Macaulay (USA)

Committee Members: John Abel (CAN), Craig Daniels (USA), Michael Stainsby (USA)

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