

DECISION

Protest

Request Number: 5

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 6

Event: 2017 Melges 24 NorAm Championship **Race Number:** 9
Hearing Date: 2017-07-21

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: M24 - USA-332 - Scruffy! - Wayne Pignolet

Respondent(s): M24 - CAN 11 - Goes to Eleven - Duncan Stamper

Witnesses: Tom Greetham (called by CAN 11), Craig Daniels (PC on the water - called by PC)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond with Good Reason 1 minute late.. reasonable to extend time limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind 18kts, moderate current against
2. USA 332 on starboard tack layline approaching weather mark.
3. CAN 11 on port tack 1/2 length below layline approaching weather mark.
4. CAN11 tacked to starboard at the mark.
5. While CAN11 was tacking, USA 332 altered course to windward.
6. There was contact between the starboard corner of CAN11 transom and USA332 port bow about 8' aft of the bow.
7. The contact caused damage - a 2" chip in the gelcoat of USA332

Diagram: Protest Committee diagram attached

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

CAN11, a boat tacking did not keep clear of USA 332, a boat on a tack, breaking rule 13. USA332 altered course as soon as it was apparent that CAN11 was not keeping clear but was unable to avoid contact. As USA 332 did everything reasonably possible to avoid contact, she did not break rule 14.

DECISION

Protest Upheld
CAN11 DSQ

Date & Time: 2017-07-21 18:21 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Jared Hickman (USA)

Committee Members: John Abel (CAN), Liesl Mordhorst (USA), Michael Stainsby (USA)

Written Decision Requested By: Wayne Pignolet, Duncan Stamper

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