

DECISION

Request Number: 09

Protest

Event: C420 North American Championship Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2019-07-13

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Protest Committee

Respondent(s): Support Person

Witnesses: John Vandemoer, Adam Corpuz-Lahne called by the Protest Committee. Chris Hemans and Johnny Norfleet was called by Prostee

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

No conflicts of interest

FACTS FOUND

1. During the first leg of Race 4 for the yellow fleet, Dillon followed the competitors up the race course in company with other coach boats
2. Coach boats were three deep, all generating significant wake, some crossing into the race course
3. Dillon's protector is blue and black and was positioned outside the other coach boats
4. Sea conditions were heavy ebb chop
5. Dillon testified that at not time was he close to a yellow fleet sailor
6. Dillon observed a coach boat pass at high speed between his boat and the yellow fleet competitors; he also observed coach boas crossing the bow of port tack competitors inside the starboard tack layline

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Spectator boat 21 (green flag) did not interfere with C420 6931

DECISION

No rule broken

Date & Time: 2019-07-13 10:51 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Zupan (USA)

Committee Members: Paul Zupan (USA), Greg Meagher (USA), Grant Baldwin (USA)

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