

DECISION

Request Number: 1

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: J/FEST Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2017-04-01

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: J/105 - USA 44 - Godot - Phillip Laby

Respondent(s): J/105 - USA 405 - moonshine - david Mace

Witnesses: Drew Cannon crew on USA 44; Kia Moiliti crew on USA 405

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required Danger (running aground) was obvious to both boats RRS 61.1(a) (4)

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. 405 was sailing close-hauled on starboard approaching the shore.
2. 44 was on starboard to leeward by 15 feet and overlapped with 405
3. 44 hailed for room to tack and stated she felt it necessary to tack to avoid going aground.
4. 405 did not respond.
5. After 15 to 30 seconds 44 ran aground and remained there for 2 to 3 minutes.
6. 405 tacked and sailed on aware that 44 had run aground.
7. It is unknown if there is damage to 44 or if it affected the performance of 44.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

405 failed to properly respond to 44's hail for room and broke RRS 20.2(c).

At the time of the hearing it is unknown whether there is damage or injury and whether 44 qualifies for redress under RRS 62.1(b).

DECISION

Protest Upheld

405 shall be scored DSQ for race 3.
Redress is denied.

Date & Time: 2017-04-01 18:24 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Douglas Sloan (USA)

Committee Members: Thomas Allard (USA), Douglas Sloan (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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