

# DECISION

Protest

**Request Number: 4**

**Heard Jointly With Number(s): 5**

**Event: International 6 Metre Class World Championship Race Number: 1**  
**Hearing Date: 2017-09-17**

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** 6m - SUI SUI 132 - Sophie II - Hugo Stenbeck

**Respondent(s):** 6m - USA USA 126 - Scoundrel - Eliza Richartz

**Witnesses:** REPRESENTATIVES: SUI 132; Martin Westerdahl; USA 126: Sarah Lihan. Witnesses: Mike Turner (Jury); Don Martin (called by SUI 132); Andy Beadsworth (called by SUI 132); Eliza Richartz (called by USA 126)

**Interpreters:** n/a

## 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. SUI 132 on starboard at the zone of the windward mark.
2. USA 126 on port tacked to starboard in the zone 6 feet to leeward of SUI 132.
3. USA 126 luffed to windward while rounding the mark'
4. SUI 132 luffed above close hauled while attempting to keep clear of USA 126. There was contact between the hulls that did not result in damage.
5. SUI 132 bore off slightly and heeled to leeward such that the top of the mast contacted the top of the mainsail of USA 126.
6. SUI 132 sustained damage to her masthead instruments.
7. Neither boat took a penalty

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

- After passing head to wind inside the zone, USA 126 caused SUI 132 to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, breaking RRS 18.3
- SUI 132 to windward failed to keep clear of USA 126 to leeward, breaking RRS 11.
- SUI 132 could have avoided contact by not bearing off and thus SUI 132 broke RRS 14.

### DECISION

Protest Upheld  
USA 126 DSQ<br /> SUI 132 DSQ

**Date & Time:** 2017-09-17 18:39 PDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Rick Hatch (CAN)

**Committee Members:** Don Becker (USA), Jared Hickman (USA), Michael Turner (CAN), Egil Wold (NOR)