**DECISION**Request Number: 16

**Protest** 

Event: Laser North American Championship Race Number: 7

Hearing Date: 2018-07-14

**PARTIES AND WITNESSES** 

Initiator: Laser Standard - Men - LCA 196309 - Luc Chevrier

Respondent(s): Laser Standard - Men - PUR 174311 - Pedro Fernandez

Witnesses: Andres Boccalandro

**Interpreters:** Jorge

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

## **FACTS FOUND**

Wind-14-18

Sea State-3-4' with chop

Race 7

Shortly after the start, LCA was on starboard and PUR was on port on a beat to weather.

The boats were on a collision course. LCA hailed starboard.

PUR luffed and crossed H-T-W. When PUR crossed H-T-W LCA luffed. There was contact.

A long time after the incident, PUR did a Two-Turns penalty turn. It was possible for PUR to do her turns sooner.

LCA could not have avoided contact.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

PUR did a Two-Turns penalty, however the timing of the penalty did not meet the requirements of RRS 44.2. LCA did not break RRS 14

**DECISION** 

PUR DSQ Race 7 (RRS 10, 14, and 44.2).

**PROTEST COMMITTEE** 

Chaired By: Damien Boldyrew (AUS)

Committee Members: Ron Wood (USA), Ben Fels (AUS), Kirk Brown (USA), David Pelling (CAN)

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