

# DECISION

**Request Number: 12**

**Protest and Request for Redress**

**Event: Laser North American Championship Race Number: 6**

**Hearing Date: 2018-07-13**

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** Laser Radial - Women - CHI 199268 - Maria Jose Poncell

**Respondent(s):** Laser Radial - Men - USA 204389 - Treat Bedford

**Interpreters:** Mateo Ferrea

## 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

1. Before the start of Race 6, 204389 was to windward of 199268, both on starboard tack.
2. About 30 seconds before the start, 204389 bore away hard and capsized to windward.
3. When 204389 capsized, the top of her mast struck the tiller of 199268, breaking the tiller extension fitting and the rudder gudgeon fitting.
4. A general recall was signalled.
5. 199268 was unable to start in the re-started race.
6. 204389 started and finished the re-started race.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

204389 a windward boat failed to keep clear of 199268. 204389 broke rule 11.

It was not reasonably possible for 199268, a right of way boat, to avoid contact. 199268 did not break rule 14.

204389 caused serious damage to 199268. 204389 broke rule 14.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2018-07-13 17:55 PDT

204389 is disqualified from race 6 for breaking rule 14.

199268 is granted redress under rule 62.1(b) as follows:

For race 6, 199268 is to be scored the average of all her races in the regatta excluding race 6 and excluding the races conducted on the last day.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Don Becker (USA)

**Committee Members:** Ron Wood (USA), Damien Boldyrew (AUS), David Pelling (CAN), Ben Fels (AUS)

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