

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 04

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 03

Event: 122nd Larchmont Race Week **Race Number:** 8
Hearing Date: 2020-07-19

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 04: Vanguard 15 - USA 772 - 772 - Ned Roseberry

Vanguard 15 - USA 422 - Kedge - Matt Kaplan

Request No.: 03: Vanguard 15 - USA 1838 - 1838 - Ted Ferraone

Vanguard 15 - USA 772 - 772 - Ned Roseberry

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

The parties participated in person and the panel joined via Zoom.

No objections to the panel.

Both 772 and 1838 notified the RC of their intention to protest.

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind speed 10-15 knots strong current from starboard to port on the windward leg on the second beat to windward.
2. 422 on starboard, just shy of the starboard layline tacked onto port less than 1 boatlength from the windward mark and 1-2 boatlengths to windward of 772 on port.
3. 772 on port tack was on a converging course with 1838 on starboard tack who was on the starboard layline.
4. In the course of tacking inside the zone and inside 1838, 772 hailed "Starboard tack, need room to tack."
5. Before 772 completed her tack to starboard, 1838 luffed above close hauled to avoid contact, but made contact with the transom of 772.
6. 422 tacked inside of 772 and rounded the mark clear ahead of 772 and 1838.
7. There was no damage or injury.
8. No parties took a penalty at the time of the incident.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. After passing head to wind from port tack to starboard tack inside the zone, 772 caused 1838 on starboard tack to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and broke RRS 18.3.
2. 772 failed to give 422 time to respond after she hailed for room to tack, and broke RRS 20.2(a) and is thus not exonerated from violating RRS 18.3.
3. 1838, the right-of-way boat, acted to avoid contact when it became clear that 772 was not keeping clear. Although there was contact, there was no damage or injury and she therefore did not break RRS 14.

DECISION

Protest 3 is upheld, 772 is Disqualified from Race #8.

Protest 4 is dismissed.

Date & Time: 2020-07-19 18:03 EDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

