

DECISION

Request Number: 24

Protest

Event: Zhik 29er World Championship Race Number: after race/in channel

Hearing Date: 2017-08-05

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: 29er - BRA 2013 - Helena Van Swaay de Marchi

Respondent(s): 29er - USA 2251 - yellow lime - ryan ratliffe

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required 61.1(4) applies

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. USA2251 did not come to the hearing. The hearing proceeded as per rule 63.3(b).
2. After racing BRA2013 and USA2251 were returning from the racing area, sailing with spinnakers in the Alamitos Bay channel back to shore.
3. Both boats were on starboard with USA2251 overlapped to windward.
4. USA2251 capsized and her mast pierced and tore the main sail of BRA2013.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

USA2251 failed to keep clear of BRA2013 and broke rule 11 and 14 causing serious damage.
BRA2013 did not break rule 14 as it was not reasonably possible for her to avoid contact.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

USA2251 is to be disqualified from gold fleet race 8

Date & Time: 2017-08-04 19:37 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Don Martin (CAN)

Committee Members: Damien Boldyrew (AUS), Ben Fels (AUS), Elias Gonzalez (MEX), Ron Wood (USA)

Written Decision Requested By: Helena Van Swaay de Marchi

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