

# DECISION

Request Number: 1

Protest

Event: International 6 Metre Class Westerleigh Cup Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2017-09-16

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** 6m - CAN KC 79 - Starwagon - Nigel Ashman

**Respondent(s):** 6m - ESP GBR 52 - Mena - Violeta Alvarez (represented by Charlie Hatfield)

**Witnesses:** Antonio Otero (witness for GBR 52)

## 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

wind 6 kts, flat water

1. KC 79 closed hauled on starboard approaching the start line to start
2. GBR 52 sailing below close hauled approaching KC 79.
3. KC 79 overlapped to leeward of GBR 52 at 45 secs before start signal
4. KC 79 hailed 3 times for GBR 52 to come up.
5. At 10 secs before the start, GBR 52 started to turn up. At the same time KC 79 luffed slightly - the sails did not luff
6. KC 79 bore off to avoid contact when the boats were 1 to 1.5 m apart

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

GBR 52, to windward failed to keep clear of KC 79 to leeward, breaking RRS 11.

### DECISION

Protest Upheld  
GBR 52 DSQ

**Date & Time:** 2017-09-16 08:54 PDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Jared Hickman (USA)

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

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