

DECISION

Request Number: 02

Protest by RC

Event: USODA Team Trials Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2019-05-03

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Race Committee

Respondent(s): Opti - Blue Fleet - USA 13573 - Lauren Carron

Witnesses: Craig Daniels (called by the race committee); Peter Glick, Peter Gerard, Robin Townsend, Tom O'Connor (all called by the jury)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Observer: Arthur Blodgett

FACTS FOUND

13573 was sailing on starboard to start close to the race committee vessel that was serving as the pin end of the starting line.

13573 touched the race committee vessel.

13573 acknowledged she touched the committee vessel.

13573 acknowledged she did not take any penalty turns.

There was no damage or injury.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

While racing, 13573 touched the race committee start line pin vessel (a mark), and broke rule 31.

By knowingly breaking a rule and not taking the appropriate penalty, 13573 failed to compete in compliance with the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, as required by rule 2.

DECISION

13573 is to be scored DNE in race 4 of the qualifying series.

Date & Time: 2019-05-03 20:45 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Edith Collins (USA)

Committee Members: Don Becker (USA), Tim Hohmann (USA), Steve Schupak (USA), K Hawkins (USA)

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