

DECISION

Request Number: 3

Protest by PC

Event: Formula 18 Americas Championship Race Number: 7

Hearing Date: 2017-09-07

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Protest Committee

Respondent(s): Formula 18 - FRA 115 - Matthieu Marfaing

Witnesses: Glenn Cox (race committee mark boat officer, called by protestor), Paul Galvez (helmsman of FRA 115, called by protestee)

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required Protestee informed ashore under 61.1(b)

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

Ron Wood, a member of the jury, witnessed the incident and notified the parties in accordance with rule 63.6.

FRA 115 approached the windward mark for the first time in race 7 on port tack.

She luffed within the zone and then tacked on to starboard below the starboard layline.

She tacked again on to port close to the mark, inside of two other boats that had been on starboard since entering the zone.

After sailing two boatlengths, she tacked again onto starboard, still inside the other two boats.

During that third tack she slowed considerably.

When she was at the mark, she touched it amidships with her port hull.

She did not take any penalty turn.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

FRA 115 broke rule 31 and did not exonerate herself.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

FRA 115 DSQ in race 7

Date & Time: 2017-09-07 18:50 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: K Hawkins (USA)

Committee Members: Kim Kymlicka (USA), Ron Wood (USA)

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