

# DECISION

Request Number: 3

## Protest

Event: Sail Central / Fruitbowl Regatta Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2019-07-20

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** 29er - 2790

**Respondent(s):** 420 - 7538

### 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

In the absence of 7538 the hearing was continued under RRS 63.3B

The incident was witnessed by PC members, Stephanie Boucher and Michael Anderson

### FACTS FOUND

2790, a 29er, was heading downwind on starboard in 10 knots of wind.

7538, a 420 was on port tack on a beat to windward.

They were on a converging course.

2790 hailed starboard within 1 boat length of 7538.

7538 took no action.

Contact occurred, there was damage to 2790's spinnaker.

2790 retired from the race.

No penalties were taken

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

7538 on port tack, failed to keep clear of 2790 breaking RRS 10.

Although it was reasonably possible 7538 did not avoid contact with 2790 as required by RRS 14.

### DECISION

7538 is DSQ

**Date & Time:** 2019-07-21 05:40 EDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Michael Anderson (CAN)

**Committee Members:** Stephanie Boucher, Gerry Bush, Peter Kelley

**Written Decision Requested By:** 2790

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