

DECISION

Protest

Request Number: 01

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 02

Event: SSS Round the Rocks Race **Race Number:** 1
Hearing Date: 2019-04-23

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: SH spin 162+ - 6100 - Eyrie - Synthja Petroka

Respondent(s): DH non-spin PHRF - 8123 - Basic Instinct - Memo Gidley

Witnesses: Mary Gidley for Basic Instinct

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

1. The wind was light with an adverse current.
2. Eyrie was sailing at about 2 knots downwind on starboard with her spinnaker up.
3. Basic Instinct was on port sailing downwind on a collision course with Eyrie.
4. As the boats converged, Eyrie altered down to avoid Basic Instinct.
5. When Eyrie altered, the boats were at least several boat lengths from the edge of shallow water.
6. The boats continued to sail on opposite tacks within about 5 feet of each other until Eyrie gybed.
7. Just after Eyrie gybed, Eyrie was in close proximity to windward of Basic Instinct and Basic Instinct hit the bottom in soft mud in the shallow water.
8. Both boats finished the race and neither boat took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Basic Instinct failed to keep clear of Eyrie as required by RRS 10 (because Basic Instinct was not yet at the obstruction and thus did not yet get room).
2. Eyrie failed to give room to Basic Instinct when Basic Instinct was at the obstruction as required by RRS 19.2.

DECISION

Both Eyrie and Basic Instinct shall be scored DSQ for the Round the Rocks Race.

Date & Time: 2019-04-23 20:00 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Grant Baldwin (USA)

Committee Members: Thomas Allard (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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