

DECISION

Request Number: 03

Protest by PC

Event: Knarr and J/105 Regatta Race Number: 5

Hearing Date: 2019-06-04

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Protest Committee

Respondent(s): Knarr - 138 - Cahoots - James Scarbrough
Knarr - 134 - Alinea - John Bluestad

Witnesses: Adam Roberts for Knarr 138

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Sent notice of the protest by the PC within 30 minutes of finding previous protest invalid.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Tom Allard declared that years ago he had competed on the same boat for one season with the protestor. No conflict of interest expressed by the parties or found by the PC.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 20 knots with fairly big chop.
2. Knarr 138 was on starboard sailing close hauled to the finish line on the last windward leg.
3. Knarr 134 was on port sailing close hauled on a collision course with Knarr 138.
4. Knarr 134 altered down to pass behind Knarr 138 at about 3 - 4 boat lengths .
5. Knarr 138 tacked ahead of Knarr 134 at about 10 to 15 feet..
6. Knarr 134 altered up to pass to windward of Knarr 138.
7. Knarr 134 became overlapped to windward by about 5 - 6 feet with a gap of about 3 feet with Knarr 138 and sailed there for approximately 2 - 3 seconds.
8. Knarr 134 altered down and her starboard bow collided with the port aft quarter of Knarr 138.
9. The collision caused damage to the toe rail and the back stay of Knarr 138 that requires repair and/or replacement before the boat is raced again.
10. Neither boat took penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Knarr 134 to windward failed to keep clear of Knarr 138 to leeward, as required by RRS 11.
2. Although it was reasonably possible, Knarr 134 did not avoid contact with Knarr 138 as required by RRS 14.
3. Knarr 138 sustained serious damage as a result of the incident.

DECISION

Knarr 134 is to be scored DSQ for race 5.

Date & Time: 2019-06-04 20:08 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Danielle Lawson (USA)

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