

DECISION

Request Number: 2

Protest

Event: Hydrofoil Pro Tour - La Ventana Race Number: 1 Blue

Hearing Date: 2016-03-21

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: #10 Martin Turbile

Respondent(s): #6 Axel Mazella

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Kiteboard #10 was on a starboard tack sailing upwind on the first windward leg of the first race in the blue fleet.
2. # 6 was sailing upwind on a starboard tack clear astern of #10.
3. As #10 approached the beach, she hailed for room to tack.
4. #6 did not respond.
5. #10 waited for #6 to respond and then tacked.
6. #6 collided with #10 prior to #10 completing her tack.
7. Both boats capsized.
8. Neither boat finished the race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

#6 failed to respond and failed to give #10 room to tack breaking RRS 20.

#6 failed to avoid contact and broke RRS 14

#10's score was made significantly worse through no fault of her because of the action of #6 who broke a rule of part 2.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2016-03-20 18:18 PDT

Protest Upheld

#6 retired, thus there will be no further penalty imposed.
#10 is granted redress for race 1 in the form of points equal to the average of races 2, 3 and 4.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Zupan (USA)

Committee Members: Rafael Zarazua (MEX), Paul Zupan (USA)

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