

DECISION

Request Number: 01

Protest

Event: RegattaPRO Knarr & SFBIOD Invitational Race Number: 2

Hearing Date: 2018-03-29

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Knarr - 102 - Benino - Mark Dahm

Respondent(s): Knarr - 134 - Alinea - John Buestad

Witnesses: Chris Perkins Knarr 141, John Bonds crew onboard 102

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Beyond with Good Reason Both boats yelled protest, protestor assessed damage before displaying flag.

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. The time limit for filing as defined in the sailing instructions was vague and ambiguous and the PRO agreed with that assessment.
2. The protest was filed before 19:00 on the day after racing (Sunday 3/25).
3. Race #2 at the first leeward gate.
4. 10-15 knots of breeze, with 2-3 knots of current in the opposite direction
5. Approaching left leeward gate for first rounding.
6. 102 was inside overlapped of 141 by half to 1/3 boat length at the zone
7. 141 was inside overlapped of 111
8. 111 was inside overlapped of 134
9. 141 rounded ahead, 102 rounded and sailed on a port-tack.
10. 130 was 6 feet to leeward of 134 as they rounded the mark
11. 134 sailed between 102 and the mark
12. 134 hit the mark and immediately thereafter hit 102 on the port side 2 feet forward of the transom
13. 134's bow fitting caught the backstay of 102
14. There was damage to the toe and rub rails of 102 and the backstay was frayed.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. The Protest committee concluded that there was good reason to extend the protest time limit.
2. 134 as outside overlapped boat at the zone, failed to give 102 mark-room, as required by RRS 18.2(b).
3. 134 touched a mark of the course failing to comply with RRS 31.
4. Although it was reasonably possible, 134 did not avoid contact with 102 as required by RRS 14.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2018-03-29 20:05 PDT

1. Protest Upheld
2. 134 is scored DSQ

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Zupan (USA)

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