

# DECISION

Protest

**Request No.: 03**

**Heard Jointly With Number(s): 04**

**Event:** Mendez Ladies Invitational    **Race Number:** 2  
**Hearing Date:** 2020-09-13

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 03:** 1 - 1 - 4 - Thunderbird - Lauren Toretta

1 - 1 - 58 - Isolde - Sarah Gillman

**Request No.: 04:** Ideal 18 - Women's Mendez - 52 - Columbia - Britt Hall

Ideal 18 - Women's Mende - 4

**Witnesses:** Kristin Toretta Lee (crew on #4), Nancy Seligson (crew on #58), Nicole Casey (skipper on #52)

## 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

1. The hearing was conducted via Zoom.
2. Mary Savage and Dick York observed the proceedings but did not participate in the hearing or deliberations.
3. All parties agreed to refrain from sharing information with witnesses or interested parties during the hearing.

## FACTS FOUND

1. 6-10 knots of wind -- no waves
2. 30 seconds before the start of Race 2.
3. 52 approaching the starting line on starboard behind and to leeward of #4 who was to leeward of 58
4. A boat to leeward of #52 was on a slightly higher course than #52 and established an overlap from behind.
5. The identity of the boat to leeward of #52 was unknown to the parties.
6. #52 was not moving at full speed and did not have her main fully trimmed when she altered course to avoid the boat to leeward.
7. A collision occurred between the forward quarter of the boat to leeward and leeward side of #52 around her bulkhead.
8. #4 was 2-4 feet to windward of #52
9. #4 luffed to avoid #52
10. There was no damage or injury.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. #52 to windward failed to keep clear of the boat to leeward as required by RRS 11 and RRS 14
2. There was not sufficient evidence to conclude that there was contact between the crew of #52 in normal sailing position and #4
3. #4 to windward kept clear of #52 as required by RRS 11
4. #58 to windward kept clear of #4 as required by RRS 11

## DECISION

#52 is disqualified.

**Date & Time:** 2020-09-13 15:58 EDT

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Danielle Lawson (USA)

**Committee Members:** Collamore Crocker (USA), Ned Roseberry (USA)

