

# DECISION

Request Number: 13

## Protest

Event: Rolex Big Boat Series Race Number: 3

Hearing Date: 2016-09-16

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** J105 #26 Donkey Jack

**Respondent(s):** J105 #434 Jam Session

### 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

Ebb tide.

On a beat to windward, Jam Session and Donkey Jack were sailing on stb tack, Jam Session 2.5 boat lengths ahead and 1.5 boat lengths to leeward of Donkey Jack.

Donkey Jack was pointing at rocks, Jam Session was pointing at a line between the northern end of the wave attenuator and the rocks Donkey Jack was pointing at.

At a distance of 8-9 boat lengths from the line, Jam Session hailed for room to tack.

7 to 10 seconds later, Jam Session hailed again for room to tack, not hearing a response.

Donkey Jack answered "You tack and duck" to both hails.

5 to 8 seconds after hailing for the second time, at a distance of 3 - 4 boat lengths from the line, Jam Session tacked and completed her tack 1.5 boat lengths ahead of Donkey Jack.

When Jam Session completed her tack, Donkey Jack bore away to avoid Jam Session.

7 to 8 seconds after Jam Session completed her tack, Donkey Jack passed 10 - 15 feet behind Jam Session.

Jam Session passed the rocks in a distance of 3 to 4 boat lengths.

No contact, no penalties.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

SI 10.1(b) defines the line between the northern end of the wave attenuator and the closest point of the rocks Donkey Jack was pointed at as an obstruction.

No rules broken by either boat.

### DECISION

Protest Dismissed

**Date & Time:**

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** John Pratt (USA)

**Committee Members:** Luca Babini (ITA), Bill Bell (AUS), Thorsten Doebbeler (GER), Glenn Oliver (USA), John Pratt (USA)

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