

DECISION

Request Number: 9

Protest

Event: Rolex Big Boat Series Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2016-09-16

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: J105 #85 Russian Roulette

Respondent(s): J105 #342 Nirvana

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

18 - 20 kts of wind with adverse current of about 1 kts.

Russian Roulette and Nirvana entered the zone of a leeward mark to be left to port overlapped with Nirvana being overlapped to the outside of Russian Roulette, both sailing on stb tack.

Nirvana gybed to port.

When both boats were less than half a boat length from each other, Nirvana gybed back to stb to avoid Russian Roulette.

Subsequently, Russian Roulette and Nirvana gybed back to port.

Contact occurred between the bowsprit of Nirvana and the transom of Russian Roulette, resulting in a nick in the gelcoat.

Nirvana took a 40% scoring penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Nirvana failed to give mark-room to Russian Roulette and hereby infringed RRS 18.2(b).

Nirvana failed to keep clear from Russian Roulette and hereby infringed RRS 12.

Nirvana failed to avoid a collision when it was reasonably possible for her to do so and hereby infringed RRS 14.

It was not reasonably possible for Russian Roulette to avoid the collision.

Nirvana took an appropriate penalty by taking a scoring penalty under SI 14.2(b)

DECISION

Protest Upheld

No boat is penalized further.

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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