

# DECISION

Request No.: 05

## Protest

Event: US Open Sailing Series--Long Beach Race Number: 5  
Hearing Schedule: 2021-07-11

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: ILCA 4 - 196858 - Mika Sternberg

ILCA 4 - 217622 - Oscar Parzen

Witnesses: Kousei Hatter: 210663, ILCA 4

### 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. Wind speed 6-8 knots, choppy sea state.
2. Mika, on starboard and Oscar, on port, were ILCA4s sailing on a beat to windward.
3. Mika hailed "starboard" to Oscar. Oscar asked if he could cross, with no response.
4. Mika bore away to avoid Oscar, who did not change course.
5. With no course alteration, Mika would've made contact with Oscar's stern quarter.
6. Mika passed astern of Oscar by one foot.
7. No contact, no boat took a penalty and both boats finished.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** Rule 10, Case 50, Case 87

Mika had a reasonable apprehension of a collision.

Oscar on port failed to keep clear of Mika, on starboard and broke RRS 10.

### DECISION

Oscar is disqualified from race #5.

**Date & Time:** 2021-07-10 18:21 PDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Jane Hartley (USA)

**Committee Members:** Karen Butler (USA), Colleen Cooke (USA), Kim Kymlicka (USA)

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