

# Protest

Protest No: 05

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## 1. Event Name: Spring Fest

Protest On: 2022-04-10

Race No: 5

## 2. Hearing Type

Protest

Protest by RC

Protest by PC

Protest by TC

Request to Reopen

Reopening by PC

Request for Redress

Request for Redress by RC

## 3. Protestor

J/105 - J105 - 268 - Peaches - Michael Rivlin

## 4. Protestees

1. J/105 - J105 - 357 - Yellowfin - Dick Maclay

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** Race 5, downwind leg 1 at Anita Rock

**Rules:** 19

**Witnesses:** Russian Roulette (William Woodruff)

## 6. Informing Protestee

**Hail:**

**Hail When:** Immediately and following race

**Hail Comment:** Protest!

**Red Flag:**

**Red Flag Comment** Immediately

**Other:**

**Other Comment:**

## 7. Description Of Incident

We were sailing downwind under spinnaker on starboard tack with a one knot following flood current, approaching the obstruction formed by the restricted line between Anita Rock Light and the closest point ashore. Yellowfin (USA 357) was sailing downwind, also on starboard tack, one boatlength to our port side and overlapped with us one half-length behind. Russian Roulette (USA 85) also was sailing downwind on starboard tack, one boatlength to our starboard side and overlapped with us one-half length ahead. As Russian Roulette neared within approximately 20 seconds of the port-jibe layline to pass to the Bay side of Anita, she hailed to us that she needed room to clear an obstruction. We immediately hailed to Yellowfin that we needed to jibe to give Russian Roulette room for an obstruction. Yellowfin did not respond in any way and did not alter course. We shouted the hail and gestured repeatedly to Yellowfin that we urgently needed to jibe, and during this period hailed "protest!" to her and flew our protest flag. Yellowfin continued not to respond or alter course until both Russian Roulette and we were past the layline to Anita. As Yellowfin reached the layline herself, approximately 15 seconds after our first hail for room to jibe, she initiated a jibe to port tack. We simultaneously jibed with her, completed the jibe, and hardened up as far as we could to an extremely tight downwind sailing angle, and fighting the flood we were just barely able to clear Anita on the Bay side. Russian Roulette was not able to clear Anita, passed through the restricted line, and hailed to us "protest!" We again hailed to Yellowfin "protest!"

## 8. Damage Or Injury

None

## Attachments

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