DECISION Request No.: 04

#### **Protest**

Event: Summer Keelboat Regatta Race Number: 1

Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-15 18:00

### **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 04: J/105 - 644 - Godot 2.0 - Phillip Laby

. - J/105 - USA 3 - Ne\*Ne - Tim Russell

Witnesses: Brent Draney, tactician on Blackhawk was called as a witness by Godot

2.0.

## **VALIDITY**

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A

Red Flag Displayed: No 61.1(a)(4)

**Decision:** Request Valid

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Parties agreed that serious was the result of the collision.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1.) In the prestart of Race #1, #644 was sailing on a close reach, starboard tack toward the pin end of the starting line.
- 2.) #003 was reaching on port tack converging with #644
- 3.) At a distance of 4-5 boat lengths, #644 commenced hailing "starboard".
- 4.) At a distance of 1.5 boatlengths, #644 bore off very hard.
- 5.) Moments later, #003 bore off and collided amidships with #644, resulting in serious damage to #644
- 6.) Both #003 and #644 retired after the incident.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

# **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: 10, 14

- 1. #003 on port failed to keep clear of #644 on starboard, and broke RRS 10
- 2. It was not reasonably possible for #644, to avoid contact with #003 when it was clear that #003 was not keeping clear. #644 did not break RRS 14.
- 3. #003 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-15 18:46 PDT

Both #003 and #644 retired, no further penalty

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Paul Zupan (USA)

Committee Members: Danielle Lawson (USA), Grant Baldwin (USA)

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