DECISION Request No.: 04

Event: 2023 Phyllis Kleinman Swiftsure Regatta Race Number:

Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-21

#### **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 04: USA 400 - Lulu - Steve Hill

USA 32 - Melilani - Richard Butts

## **VALIDITY**

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

**Proper Hail:** No proper hail See Facts Found section below.

Red Flag Displayed: Yes Displayed approximately 10-15 seconds after the general recall signal in the

second restart for race 6.

**Decision:** Request Invalid

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Due to time constraints on Sunday, August 20, this hearing was scheduled for 17:00 Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Protest committee members and the parties participated remotely via video conference. Participants are advised the meeting is not to be recorded.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. 10-15 seconds before the first warning signal during the second starting sequence for Race Six, there was contact between USA 400 and USA 32
- 2. The boats continued sailing until the RC signaled a general recall.
- 3. 3 4 minutes after the general recall signal, USA 400 and USA 32 conferred on the incident. USA 400 reported damage, her intent to protest, and displayed a red flag

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

# **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

**Rules:** 61.1

The hail and display of a red flag were not made at the first reasonable opportunity

**Date & Time:** 2023-08-22 17:38 PDT

The Protest is Invalid - the hearing is closed under RRS 63.5

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee Chaired By: Steve Schupak (USA)

Committee Members: Greg Meagher (USA), John Christman (USA)

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