

DECISION

Protest

Request No.: 03

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 06

Event: Summer Keelboat Regatta Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-15 19:30

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: J105 - 85 - Bill Woodruff

. - J/105 - USA 268 - Peaches - John Rivlin

. - J/105 - USA 46 - Box of Rain - Randy Smith

Request No.: 06: J105 - 1 - 268 - Peaches - John Rivlin

J/105 - 1 - 85 - Roulette - William Woodruff

Witnesses: Vicki Sodaro, PRO witness for Peaches

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

1. The hearing was conducted via Zoom.
2. All parties were provided the Code of Conduct at the beginning of the hearing and agreed to abide by it,
3. The boats were represented by Randy Smith, the tactician on Box of Rain, Bill Woodruff, the helmsperson on Roulette, and John Rivlin, the helmsperson on Peaches.

FACTS FOUND

1. Peaches, Roulette and Box of Rain were overlapped approaching the downwind finish line on starboard tack.
2. Peaches was less than 10 feet to windward and slightly ahead of Roulette and Roulette less than 10 feet to windward and slightly ahead of Box of Rain.
3. Box of Rain jibed onto port when she reached the zone.
4. Roulette jibed and luffed within two feet of Box of Rain.
5. Peaches jibed onto port as she entered the zone.
6. Peaches luffed and narrowly missed the anchor line of the signal boat, and then turned back down to avoid Roulette.
7. As she passed the committee boat, Peaches' spinnaker sheet caught the bow pulpit of the signal boat.
8. The entire pulpit was separated from the hull of the signal boat by the contact.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 18.2(b), 31, 43.1(b)

1. Box of Rain outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give Roulette mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
2. Roulette outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give Peaches mark-room, and broke RRS 18.2(b).
3. Since Roulette was compelled to break RRS 18.2(b) as a consequence of Box of Rain breaking RRS 18.2(b), she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach.
4. Peaches touched the signal boat at the finish and broke RRS 31.
5. Since Peaches broke RRS 31 while she was sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach.

DECISION**Date & Time:** 2022-08-15 20:40 PDT

Box of Rain is DSQ in Race 1.

PROTEST COMMITTEE**Chaired By:** Mark Townsend (USA)**Committee Members:** Danielle Lawson (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)**Printed:** 2022-08-15 20:53