

# DECISION

Request No.: 03

## Protest

Event: GNS Séries Interclub Series Race Number: 56  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-08-25

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 03:** J 29 - 1 - PHRF1&2 - BYC 56 - Untamed - Laurent Ricciardi

Laser 28 - 1 - PHRF1&2 - RStLYC 237 - Espresso - Pierre Farmer

**Witnesses:** Michelle Tremblay, Marie-Claude Lépine

### 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

### FACTS FOUND

56 and 237 were sailing on a beat in 12 knots of wind speed, and at a boat speed of approximately 6.5 knots.

56 was on starboard, and 237 was on port

As 237 was approaching 56, 56 altered course to keep clear of 237 and avoid contact

237 crossed 56 and completed a tack ahead of 56 at a distance of 1 boat length.

As clear astern boat, 56 attempted to avoid 237 clear ahead.

While attempting to keep clear of 237 the spinnaker pole of 56 made contact with the pulpit of 237.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 10, 15, 14, 43.1 a)

1. 237 on port failed to keep clear of 56 on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, 237 failed to initially give 56 room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15 .
3. 56 did not avoid contact, and broke RRS 14.
4. Since 56 was compelled to break RRS 14 as a consequence of 237 breaking RRS 15, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(a) for this breach.

### DECISION

237 is DSQ in race 7 of the GNS 2022 Series 4.

**Date & Time:** 2022-08-25 22:30 EDT

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Alain Vranderick (CAN)

**Committee Members:** Tof Nicoll-Griffith (CAN), Paul Baehr (CAN)