

DECISION

Request Number: 5

Protest

Event: Long Beach Race Week Race Number: 5

Hearing Date: 2016-06-26

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Fast 50 - #55052 - Fox - David Servais

Respondent(s): Fast 50 - #50100 - Margaritaville - Alex Perez

Witnesses: Margaritaville - Charles Smith; Will Gibson

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

1. Windspeed was 7 or 8 knots, mild 4 foot swells.
2. Fox was reaching down the start line on a starboard tack just prior to the start.
3. Margaritaville was reaching down the start line on port tack on a collision course with Fox.
4. Fox altered course downwind to avoid contact with Margaritaville.
5. There was no contact between the boats.
6. Margaritaville sailed on port for approximately 2 to 3 minutes after the incident before observing the protest flag on Fox.
7. Margaritaville promptly did a penalty turn after observing the protest flag.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Margaritaville did not keep clear of Fox and broke RRS 10
Margaritaville properly took a penalty under 44.1 and T1 and thus cannot be penalized further.

DECISION

Protest Dismissed

Date & Time: 2016-06-25 18:30 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Ron Wood (USA)

Committee Members: Colleen Cooke (USA), Mike Gross (USA), Ron Wood (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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