

DECISION

Request Number: 6

Protest

Event: Long Beach Race Week Race Number: 7

Hearing Date: 2016-06-26

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator: Farr 40 - #1211 - Coquille - Greg Dair

Respondent(s): Farr 40 - #37 - Blade 2 - Steve Natvig

Witnesses: Philip Thompson from White Knight called by Coquille

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. After the start , Coquille and Blade were both on stbd tack, with Coquille to leeward and ahead on stbd .
2. Coquille tacked to P and altered course to pass astern of Blade, on stbd.
3. Blade luffed to tack in front of Coquille
4. Before Blade reached a close-hauled course, Coquille immediately luffed to avoid contact.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

After Coquille altered course to pass astern of Blade, Blade was obligated to avoid changing course in a manner which would force Coquille to make a further change of course.

When Blade altered course, Coquille was forced to immediately make a further change of course to keep clear. In doing so, Blade broke RRS 16.2

DECISION

Protest Upheld

Blade (1211) disqualified from Race #7.

Date & Time: 2016-06-26 16:54 PDT

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Don Becker (USA)

Committee Members: Colleen Cooke (USA), Mike Fratantoro (USA), Graham Kelly (USA), Don Becker (USA)

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