

DECISION

Request Number: 1

Protest

Event: Three Bridge Fiasco **Race Number:** 1

Hearing Date: 2016-02-03

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Initiator:

Respondent(s):

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Not required RRS 61.1(a)4

DECISION: Request Valid Notified Race Committee as required in SI 15(a).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Sea Bird was close hauled on a starboard tack on the last leg to the finish in about 15 knots of wind.
2. Adios was on a port tack on a collision course with Sea Bird.
3. Sea Bird altered course to windward to avoid Adios.
4. Adios altered course to leeward to avoid Sea Bird.
5. Adios struck Sea Bird's ama at about 6" from the stern.
6. The collision crushed the fiberglass and scratched the ama. The ama was taking water because of the damage.
7. Adios retired from the race.

Diagram: Endorsed by Protest Committee

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Adios failed to keep clear of Sea Bird, breaking rule 10.
2. Adios failed to avoid contact with Sea Bird, breaking rule 14.

DECISION

Protest Upheld

Adios retired from the race so no further penalty shall be imposed.

Date & Time: 2016-02-05 19:37 PST

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Thomas Allard (USA)

Committee Members: Thomas Allard (USA), Grant Baldwin (USA), Paul Zupan (USA)

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