

DECISION

Protest by PC

Request No.: 05

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 01

Event: 2022 ILCA 7 Men's World Championship Race Number: 1
Hearing Schedule: 2022-05-24

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: Protest Committee

ILCA 7 - Men - USA 197265 - Frederick Vranizan

Request No.: 01: ILCA 7 - Men - NED 211003 - Thomas Van Ofwegen

ILCA 7 - Men - AUS 199088 - Zac Littlewood

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Hail not required

Red Flag Displayed: Not required

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Case No. 5 was heard together with Case No. 1 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both cases arose from the same incident.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was 11 kts.
2. NED 211003, USA 197265 and AUS 199088 were sailing upwind on close-hauled course.
3. NED 211003 was on starboard tack while USA 197265 and AUS 199088 were on port tack, overlapped, with AUS 199088 two boat widths to windward.
4. When the distance between USA 197265 and NED 211003 was 4 boat lengths, USA 197265 hailed AUS 199088 for room to tack. AUS 199088 did not take any action and kept her course.
5. When the distance between NED 211003 and USA 197265 was one and a half boat lengths, USA 197265 tacked to starboard.
6. When USA 197265 got to close-hauled, the distance between USA 197265 and NED 211003 was half a boat length.
7. When the distance between NED 211003 and AUS 199088 was half a boat length. NED 211003, who was aiming at the middle of AUS 199088's hull, luffed to head to wind.
8. There was no contact between any of the boats involved.
9. No penalty was taken.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules:

1. AUS 199088 failed to immediately respond after USA 197265 hailed her for room to tack, as required by RRS 20.2(b) and (c).
2. AUS 199088 on port failed to keep clear of NED 211003 on starboard, and broke RRS 10.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-05-23 18:10 CDT

1. AUS 199088 is DSQ in race 1.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Elias Gonzalez (MEX)

