

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

## Request for Redress

Event: Olson 25 and Wylie Wabbit National Championships & Fall Classic Regatta Race Number: 4  
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-08 16:30

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Request No.: 01:** Wylie Wabbit - Wylie Wabbit - USA 16 - Bear - Rob Dubuc

Alerion 28 - Alerion 28 - USA 38079 - Zenaida - Fred Paxton

**Witnesses:** Fred Paxton skipper of Zenaida

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required      At the dock after racing Wabbit USA 16 notified Alerion 28 USA 38079 she would file for redress

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The time and place of the hearing was posted on the hearing notice board as required by the SIs

The hearing was conducted on Zoom

Rob Debuc -- skipper, represented USA 16

No other parties attended the hearing

### FACTS FOUND

1. 8-15 knots of wind and fairly flat water in race 4, the final race of the day
2. Wylie Wabbit 16 on starboard heading downwind after the first windward mark rounding in a race that included two windward and two leeward legs in the Wylie Nationals Regatta
3. Alerion 38079 on port heading upwind in the Fall Classic Regatta
4. When it became clear that Alerion 38079 was not keeping clear, Wylie 16 luffed
5. A collision occurred between the port side of Alerion 38079 and the port side of Wylie Wabbit 16
6. Extensive damage to the running and standing rigging of Wylie Wabbit 16 including a broken shroud, broken boom vang and a dent boom resulted from the collision.
7. Wylie Wabbit 16 retired from the race due to the extensive damage and safety concerns
8. Alerion 38027 did two penalty turns and retired after finishing when they became aware of the extensiveness of the damage.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 10

1. Alerion 38027 on port failed to keep clear of Wylie Wabbit 16 on starboard, and broke RRS 10
2. Since Alerion 38027 caused serious damage by her breach, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS 44.1(b).
3. Wylie Wabbit 16's score in race 4 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of Alerion 38027 that was breaking RRS 10 and took an appropriate penalty.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2022-10-08 17:27 PDT

Redress is given to Wylie Wabbit 16. Wylie Wabbit 16 is to be scored in race 4 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all the races before race 4. No other boat's score shall change.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

**Chaired By:** Greg Meagher (USA)

**Committee Members:** Danielle Lawson (USA), Rob Overton (USA)