

Decision of Protest Committee



Protest Number: 2

Protest Heard With:

Date of Hearing: 16th December 2016

Regatta: 46th Aon Youth Sailing World Championship 2016

Organising Authority: World Sailing

Date of Incident: 16th December 2016

Race Number: 3

Boat Contesting, or Requesting redress or Reopening: **29er Boys CAN**

Boat(s) Protested: **29er Boys USA**

Representatives: Protestor: Eric Lyall
Protestee: Ryan Ratcliffe
Witnesses: Andrew Wood CAN, Samuel Merson USA

Validity: Jury decided to extend protest time limit.
Protest or request valid, hearing continued

Facts Found:

1. CAN on port and USA on starboard were approaching mark 4P on a collision course.
2. CAN passed behind USA who then gybed to port and to leeward of CAN.
3. CAN and USA reached the zone overlapped with CAN inside of USA.
4. While rounding the mark USA lost control, heeled to windward and hit CAN causing a rip to CAN's mainsail.
5. CAN rounded mark 4P on 14th position and finished the race on 17th position.

Diagram: None

Conclusions:

1. USA, outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give mark-room to CAN as required by rule 18.2(b) and to avoid contact as required by rule 14.
2. CAN's score in Race 3 was not made significantly worse by the damage caused by USA.

Rules that Apply: RRS 61.3, RRS 14, RRS 18.2(b)

Decision: **USA is disqualified in Race 3.
Redress is not given to CAN.**

Protest Committee: Peter Scheuerl
Sofia Truchanowicz
Doug Elder

Chairman's Signature:

Date and Time
Decision Advised:

16th December 2016 at 16:15