

## Decision of Protest Committee

**Protest Number:** 8 (reopening of case 2)

**Protest Heard With:**

**Date of Hearing:** 17 December 2016

**Regatta:** 46th Aon Youth Sailing World Championship 2016

**Organising Authority:** World Sailing

**Date of Incident:** 16 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  
Witness: Andrus Poksi (Jury)

**Validity:** Jury reopened the hearing due to a jury witness

**Facts Found:**

1. USA was on starboard and inside and overlapped with CAN at the zone to mark 4P.
2. USA gybed to port at 4P and almost stopped while passing the mark.
3. CAN now astern and on port approached 4P and passed between the mark and USA.
4. As CAN overlapped to windward of USA, USA heeled to windward and hit CAN causing a rip to CAN mainsail.

**Diagram:** None

**Conclusions:**

1. CAN, outside overlapped at the zone, failed to give mark-room to USA as required by rule 18.2(b) and to avoid contact as required by rule 14.

**Rules that Apply:** 18.2(b)

**Decision:** **CAN is disqualified in Race 3.**  
**USA to be reinstated in her finishing position for race 3**

**Protest Committee:** Doug Elder  
Sofia Truchanowicz  
Sally Burnett

**Chairman's Signature:**

**Date and Time Decision Advised:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 17:30