

Protest No. 10

Couta Boat Series Race No. 3.

Protest was received within time limit.

Protestor represented by G. Smith

Protestee represented by J. Lewis

Witnesses B. Fells, W. Philips, G. Smith and T. Phillips.

No conflict of interest was declared and there were no objections to the protest committee.

Written protest identified the incident.

"Protest" was hailed by C08 however as there was serious damage obvious to the boat intending to protest, the requirements of RRS 61.1 do not apply to her. (RRS 61.1 (a) (4)).

Protest declared valid and the hearing continued.

Facts Found.

1. Sailing inside the zone with 9 – 15 knots of breeze C08 was below close-hauled on port tack.
2. C2006 converged also below close-hauled on starboard tack.
3. C08 completed a tack onto starboard less than one and a half boat-lengths directly ahead of C2006.
4. C2006 attempted to luff however contact occurred between her bowsprit and the starboard portion of C08's transom causing serious damage, a hole in the transom of C08.
5. Neither boat took a penalty and both boats completed the race.

Conclusion.

1. When acquiring right of way, C08 failed to initially give C2006 room to keep clear, as required by RRS 15.
2. C08 also broke RRS 14.
3. As it was not reasonably possible for C2006 to avoid contact she did not break RRS 14.
4. Rules Also Considered:- Case 27

Decision.

C08 is disqualified in race No. 3.

Protest Committee:- G.S. Searle (Ch), F. Allen and P. Hannah.

7/12/2019 15:00hrs.

