

# DECISION

Request No.: 02

## Protest

Event: Spring Fest Race Number: 5  
Hearing Date: 2021-05-23

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 02: Knarr - 125 - Chris Perkins  
Knarr - 133 - Ethan Doyle

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No  
**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit  
**Incident Identified:** Yes  
**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed  
**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes  
**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The hearing was conducted via Zoom.
2. The parties reviewed and agreed to the Code of Conduct for Remote Hearings

### FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was between 15 and 20 knots with moderate chop.
2. 133 was sailing close hauled on starboard tack on the first beat.
3. 125 was sailing on port on a converging course.
4. 125 realized she could not cross and luffed.
5. At one-half boat length away, it became clear to 133 that 125 was not keeping clear,
6. 133 luffed in an attempt to avoid a collision
7. 133's bow collided with 125 on her starboard stern quarter.
8. 125 suffered a broken toe rail and minor hull damage.
9. 125 subsequently did a one turn penalty.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** 10, 14

1. 125 on port failed to keep clear of 133 on starboard and broke RRS 10 and 14.
2. It was not reasonably possible for 133, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with 125 when it was clear that 125 was not keeping clear. 133 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2021-05-23 17:14 PDT

1. As 125 took the proper penalty after the incident, she shall not be penalized further.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Danielle Lawson (USA)  
**Committee Members:** Paul Zupan (USA), Thomas Allard (USA)