



HEARING DECISION BY A PROTEST COMMITTEE

Filing Heard with Race
 Event

TYPE OF HEARING Protest Redress Reopening Support Person

PARTY: Protestor / Requester / Person Reporting

Boat (sail #, name, etc.)
 -OR- Committee
 Person/Represented by

PARTY: Protestee / Committee / Reported Person

Boat (sail #, name, etc.)
 -AND/OR- Committee
 Person/Represented by

WITNESSES Name (Role)
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BEFORE THE HEARING (without parties present)

Committee member conflict of interest? Yes No
 Committee member witness? Yes No
 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.1 & 63.2 satisfied? Yes No N/A

----- Relevant information -----

PROCEDURAL MATTERS (with parties present)

Party needs time to prepare? Yes No N/A
 Hearing proceeds without party? Yes No N/A
 Objection based on conflict of interest? Yes No
 Representatives on board at time of incident? Yes No N/A

VALIDITY OF PROTEST OR REQUEST

Filed within relevant time limit? Yes No Extended
 Identifies incident (protest) / reason (request)? Yes No N/A
 Identifies where and when (protest)? Yes No N/A
 Identifies any rule believed broken? Yes No N/A
 'Protest' hailed (first reasonable opportunity)? Yes No Exception
 Flag displayed (conspicuously, at first reasonable opportunity, and until no longer racing)? Yes No Exception
 Crew in danger, injury, or serious damage? Yes No N/A
 Informed some other way? Yes No N/A
 Other validity requirements satisfied? Yes No N/A

VALIDITY CONCLUSION

Protest or request is valid? Yes No

→ Hearing proceeds → Hearing closes



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FACTS FOUND (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

1. Wind 7-8 kts, Waves one foot chop, Visibility clear
2. Marquette astern of GVSU, both close hauled, both on Starboard in the zone of the second windward mark. Gap between these two boats 1 BL.
3. St. Thomas, on port, approaching Marquette and GVSU.
4. GVSU rounded the mark and proceeded toward the offset.
5. Within 1 BL of Marquette and 1 BL of the mark, St. Thomas luffed and tacked in the zone around the mark
6. 1/2 BL from the mark, Marquette luffed above close hauled to avoid St. Thomas.
7. Closest point between Marquette and St. Thomas was 1/4 BL
8. St. Thomas rounded the mark inside of Marquette.
9. There was no contact between any boats.
10. No boats took penalty turns

Committee's diagram is attached Committee endorses diagram by boat (sail # / name)

CONCLUSIONS AND APPLICABLE RULES (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

RRS 13, 18.3
 St. Thomas failed to keep clear of Marquette while tacking, and passed head to wind in the zone of a mark to be left to port causing Marquette, a starboard tack boat since entering the zone, to luff above close hauled to avoid contact, breaking RRS 13 + 18.3.
 Marquette, a starboard tack boat entitled to mark room, complied with RRS 14 by luffing to avoid contact.

DECISION AND SCORING CHANGE, IF ANY (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

St. Thomas shall be scored DSQ in Race 4b.

PROTEST COMMITTEE (List Chair and other members)

Sign & date:

WRITTEN DECISION REQUESTED?

By whom?

Time & date?

Time & date provided?