

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION



Case No: 2022-01-22-1 Event: MHYC Sprints Race: 8

Hearing Part 1 – Tuesday 25 January at 7pm via Zoom Videoconference
Hearing Part 2 (reopening) – Saturday 29 January at 5.15pm in the Quarterdeck

PARTIES

| Boat or Committee or Person | Class/Fleet | Represented By/Not Present |
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| Galan | Div 2 | Mike Gallagher |
| Rumba | Div 2 | Kerry Burke |

WITNESSES

| Name | Boat or Committee |
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| Rob Carr | Rumba |

Validity

Protest hailed and flag raised at incident – acknowledged by protestee

Protest form lodged in time

Protest valid

Case Introduction: This protest relates to the conduct of boats at the rounding of a windward mark to port. The two boats concerned entered the zone on opposite tacks.

Procedural Matters: There were no conflicts of interest declared by the judges or alleged by the parties

Facts found:

- Galan entered the zone on Starboard, fetching the windward mark for a Port rounding.
- Rumba tacked from Port to Starboard at the mark.
- Galan was sailing faster than Rumba at this point Galan would have made contact with Rumba if she did not alter course.
- Galan changed course to avoid contact with Rumba. No contact occurred. Neither boat took a penalty.
- Galan did not sail above a close-hauled course.

Conclusion & Rules: Rumba did not infringe 18.3.

Decision: Protest dismissed.

Request to Withdraw: No

Request Approved: N/A

Protest Committee: Geoffrey Charters - Club Judge (Chair), John Crawford - Club Judge, Peter Hammond - Club Judge.

Signed: Geoffrey Charters

29 January 2022 at 1830hrs