



VOLVO
DÚN LAOGHAIRE REGATTA
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPIRIT MOTOR GROUP



CASE

CASE #: 22

Class:	Squib		
Race:	8		
Fleet / Group			
Type:	Protest		
Course:	South Bull	Leg:	Leeward mark 1st rounding
Protestor:	869 Michelle Halpenny		
Protestee:	818 Peter Wallace		
Witnesses:	Susan Halpenny (869) Marin Weatherstone (818)		
Procedural matters:			

Date/Time of hearing:	8/7/2017 20.14
Location:	Jury1
Validity:	Valid under rule 61.1(a)(4)
Facts found:	10 knots of wind and a 'little chop'.

869 was approaching leeward gate mark 3p on port.
 818 passed the previous mark ahead of 869. 869 was sailing faster and higher and by the time she reached the zone her bow was in front of 869.
 818 was sailing deep downwind, slower than 869, on starboard. 818 held her spinnaker until she entered the zone.
 869 on port was overlapped outside 818 on starboard as 869 entered the zone. 818 hailed 869 for room several times. 869 neither replied nor changed course. As she entered the zone 869 took down her spinnaker and sailed to the mark.
 As 818 entered the zone, still on starboard, she was on a collision course with 869. 818 took down her spinnaker and was less than a boat length from 869 when she began to luff to pass astern of 869.
 869 was rounding the mark, 50 cm from the mark, and hardening sheets when 869's bow made contact with 818's port side between 1.5 – 2 m from the transom..
 There was damage to 869, including a hole and damage to the laminate, and to the bow plate on 818.

Conclusion:	869, overlapped on the outside at the zone, did not give mark-room to 818, on the inside at the zone as required by rule 18.2(b). 869 on port, did not keep clear of 818 on starboard as required by rule 10 818, right of way boat and entitled to mark-room could reasonably have avoided contact when it became clear that 869 was not keeping clear or giving mark-room as required by rule 14. As there was damage to both boats 818 shall not be exonerated under rule 14(b).
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Rules applicable:	10, 14, 18.2(b)
PC Decision:	869 DSQ race 8, 818 DSQ race 8

Date of decision:	8/7/2017
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PC members: Cxema Pico (Chair), Eunice Kennedy, Gordon Davies (scribe)

Signature

Note to Scorer 869 DSQ race 8, 818 DSQ race 8

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