

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 01 With Case(s): Race: 2



PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Initiator: Bullit – GBR 7892	Cape 31	Sam Pearson
Respondent: Flying Jenny – USA 81567	Cape 31	Robert Greenhalgh

WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role

Valid –No (if 'No' use Facts Found to document this decision)

Case Summary: (type of Hearing and just brief introduction to help the reader)

Port-Starboard incident around the start of Race 2

Procedural Matters, (Conflicts of Interest,, parties not present, extending time limits)

Isabel Shiel and Duncan Shiel attended as observer.

Facts found:

1. After the incident, crew members of Flying Jenny watched Bullit to see whether a flag was being deployed, but saw neither a flag nor signs that one was being deployed.
2. For at least 6 seconds after the incident, Bullit continued on starboard, and then tacked onto port.
3. After the tack was completed a member of Bullit's crew moved to the stern to release a red flag wrapped round the aft lifeline.
4. As the flag had not fully unwrapped, a second crew member moved to the stern to finish deploying the flag.
5. The flag was not displayed until at least 25 seconds after the incident.

Conclusion & Rules:

Bullit failed to display conspicuously a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity, as required by RRS 61.1(a).

Decision:

The protest is invalid and the hearing is closed under RRS 63.5.

Protest Committee:

International Jury: Yes

Hella Bouma NED (Chair), David Hudson RSA (Scribe) , Craig Mitchell GBR, John Doerr GBR, Christiane Admiraal NED

Signed:

Date, time: 28 June 2024, 16:52