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**Withdrawal requested**  **Signature** ..... **Withdrawal permitted**

**Protest time limit** 17:16

**Protest, or request for redress or reopening, is within time limit**  **Time limit extended**

**Protestor, or party requesting redress or reopening, represented by** Race Committee

**Other party, or boat being considered for redress, represented by** IRL 8 Matthew Mc Govern

**Names of witnesses** Douglas Sloan; Manuel Santos e Silva

**Interpreters**

**Remarks**

**Objection about interested party**

**Written protest or request identifies incident**

**'Protest' hailed at first reasonable opportunity**

**No hail needed; protestee informed at first reasonable opportunity**

**Red flag conspicuously displayed at first reasonable opportunity**

**Protest or request valid; hearing will continue**  **Protest or request invalid; hearing is closed**

**FACTS FOUND**

1. IRL 8 was sailing on starboard tack immediately after the starting signal, at the pin end of the starting line.
2. ITA 23 was sailing on port tack immediately after the starting signal, at the pin end of the starting line.
3. While ITA 23 was attempting to bear away to avoid contact, she hit the port quarter of IRL 8 without causing damage.
4. IRL 8 then hit the pin boat.
5. ITA 23 took a turn penalty.
6. IRL 8 did not take a penalty turn.

**Diagram of boat RC is endorsed by committee**  **Committee's diagram is attached**

**CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

1. ITA 23 failed to keep clear of IRL 8 and broke rule 10
2. ITA 23 failed to avoid contact and broke rule 14
3. ITA 23 complied with rule 44.1 by taking a penalty turn
4. When it was clear that ITA 23 was not keeping clear, it was too late for IRL 8 to act to avoid contact
5. The collision caused by ITA 23 caused IRL 8 to bear away towards the pin boat and touch it
6. IRL 8 broke rule 31 but was compelled to do so by ITA 23's breaking rule 10 and is exonerated under rule 64.1 (a).

**DECISION**

**Protest: dismissed**  **Boat(s)** **is (are) disqualified**   
**penalized as follows**  :

**Redress: not given**  **given as follows**  :

**Request to reopen a hearing: denied**  **granted**

**Protest committee chairman and other members** Alfredo Ricci ITA, Manuel Santos e Silva POR, Manuel Ken Gamito POR, Douglas Sloan USA, Alan Basen GBR

**Chairman's signature** .....

**Date and time** 7/7/2015; 18:35