



PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	<i>Serena</i>	REPRESENTED BY:	Josh Adams
PROTESTED	<i>Charmonet</i> <i>Systems Thunder</i>	REPRESENTED BY:	Ross Chapman Brian Ward
SERIES:	Havana Club Rum Race	DIVISION:	
RACE NO & DATE:	Race 1, 19 July 2019	HEARING DATE:	1800, 29 July 2019

VALIDITY/PROCEDURE:

- The protest was valid.

WITNESSES

- Michael Brown (*Systems Thunder*)

FACTS FOUND:

- The wind was light and variable.
- Serena* is an 11.6 metre Thomson 39 keel yacht.
- Charmonet* is a 14 metre Beneteau First 45 keel yacht.
- System Thunder* is a 16 metre performance keel yacht.
- Serena* and *Charmonet* were approaching the start line on port, off the wind, with *Charmonet* to windward of *Serena*.
- Systems Thunder* was off the wind on starboard approaching the start line and on a contact course with *Charmonet*.
- Both *Serena* and *Systems Thunder* called the other boats to go up.
- Systems Thunder* altered course attempting avoid a collision.
- There was contact between *Systems Thunder* and *Charmonet*, and between *Charmonet* and *Serena*.
- No boat took a penalty.

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY:

- Serena*, the outside boat at an obstruction, failed to give *Charmonet* room to pass the obstruction, and broke RRS 19.2(b).
- Charmonet* broke RRS's 10 & 11 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled and is exonerated under RRS 21 (a).
- In the light and variable conditions when it became clear that *Charmonet* was not keeping clear it was not possible for *Systems Thunder* to avoid a collision. RRS 14(a).

DECISION:

- Serena* is disqualified

PROTEST COMMITTEE PANEL:

Doug Elder (Chair), Blair Park, John Montgomery, Peter Lavelle, Louis Mayo

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