

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Race: 7 - 21 June 2026

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Blink	Div B	Mark Corbaton
Shooting Star	Div D	Graham Burrells

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Lachlan Finn	Blink

Valid – Yes

Case Introduction: <i>Windward leeward in vicinity of marks BH & BH1 & Request for Redress for lost time</i>
Procedural Matters: <i>(Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)</i> Nil
Facts found: 1. Wind was W/NW 5-8knts variable strength and direction 2. The fleet were sailing Course A 3. Blink's course was Start - LM2 - BH(p) - JB - CP1 - CP - LB - LM5 - Gate - LM2 - BH(p) - SP - LM5 – Finish 4. Shooting Star's course was Start - GI - BH1(p) - LB - LM4 - Gate - GI - BH1(p) - SP - LM4 - Finish 5. Blink and Shooting Star were approaching BH mark overlapped with Blink to Leeward and both under spinnaker 6. Shooting Star had established the windward overlap by gybing 7. Blink's course was for it to round BH mark and Shooting Star's course was to round BH1 mark that was in excess of 50m further to the E-SE than the BH mark 8. Shooting Star's boom end was within 1m of Blink's windward rail 9. Blink tried to luff towards Shooting Star to go up so she could round BH mark 10. Shooting Star hailed "that is my mark" pointing to BH1 11. Shooting Star continued to BH1 with Blink continuing to sail close to leeward to avoid a collision and unable to sail her desired course 12. Shooting Star and Blink rounded BH1 mark and proceeded with their races
Conclusion & Rules: Rule 18 did not apply to either boat at BH or BH1 as they were not required to leave a <i>mark</i> on the same side Rule 15 did not apply as Blink acquired right-of-way due to Shooting Star's actions Shooting Star as windward boat failed to Keep Clear of Blink Blink's request for redress met none of the requirements of rule 61.4(b) Rules 11, 15, 18.1(a), 61.4(b)
Decision: Shooting Star is given a scoring penalty of 5 places Blink's request for redress is denied
Protest Committee: Name Steve Hatch IJ IU (Chair), Ed Vincent IJ, Karl Garavan
Signed: <i>Steve Hatch</i> Date, time of Hearing: 02-07-2026 6-00pm