



PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	<i>Antsy</i>	REPRESENTED BY:	David Brown
PROTESTED	<i>Fiction</i>	REPRESENTED BY:	Not represented
SERIES:	Havana Club Rum Race	DIVISION:	B
RACE NO & DATE:	Race 10, 14 December 2018	HEARING DATE:	1800, 19 December 2018

VALIDITY/PROCEDURE:

- *Fiction* was not represented and the hearing proceeded under RRS 63.3(b).
- The protest was valid.

FACTS FOUND:

- *Antsy* was close hauled on port, and sailing very slowly.
- *Fiction* was clear astern of *Antsy*, on port, and sailing faster.
- There was contact between bow of *Fiction* and the starboard stern of *Antsy*.
- Both boats were damaged.
- Neither boat took a Two-Turns penalty.
- Both boats finished the race.

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY:

- *Fiction* as a boat clear astern on the same tack and failing to keep clear broke RRS 12 & 14.
- It was not possible for *Antsy* to avoid a collision.

DECISION:

- *Fiction* is disqualified.

PROTEST COMMITTEE PANEL:

Doug Elder (Chair), Blair Park, Bevan Wooley

Decision advised 1830 19 December 2018.

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RESULTS CORRECTED

WEB UPDATE

DATABASE UPDATE