

DECISION Case No: 1 *Renaissance v Sol*
 2 *Sol v Renaissance*

Race: 6

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Renaissance	Div 2	Mike Lowry
Sol	Div 2	Mark Bothwell

WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Nil	

Case Introduction:

Procedural Matters

Conflict of interest

Protest Committee members declared that they had no conflicts of interest and no party objected to the members hearing the protest.

Other Procedural Matters

Protest No 1 and Protest No 2 related to the same incident and the protest committee heard the protests together in accordance with RRS 63.2(b).

Validity

- Both *Sol* and *Renaissance* delivered a Hearing Request in accordance with RRS 60.3.
- Sol* failed to hail 'Protest' or conspicuously display and red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each, as required by RRS 60.2(a)(1). Therefore the protest is invalid under RRS 60.4(a)(1).
- Renaissance* hailed protest but failed to conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity, as required by RRS 60.2(a)(1). Therefore the protest is invalid under RRS 60.4(a)(1).

Facts found:

- While there was damage to *Renaissance* it failed to meet the threshold required by the World Sailing Judges Manual Section M3 for "serious damage", notably:
 - Was the performance of the boat seriously impaired? No. A 5 cm indent in the stern in a non-structural area of the boat.
 - Was the boat able to finish the race? Yes. Both boats finished the race
 - Would a prudent sailor repair the damage before continuing the series? Yes but this would only require a minor repair before fixing the boat after the series
 - Was the market value of the boat significantly diminished? No, not significantly

Conclusion and Rules:

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Decision on protests:

The protests are invalid, the hearing is closed under RRS63.4 (a)(1).

Protest Committee

Peter Lowndes RJ, John Crawford, Peter Hammond

Signed: Peter Lowndes

Date: 12 November 2025