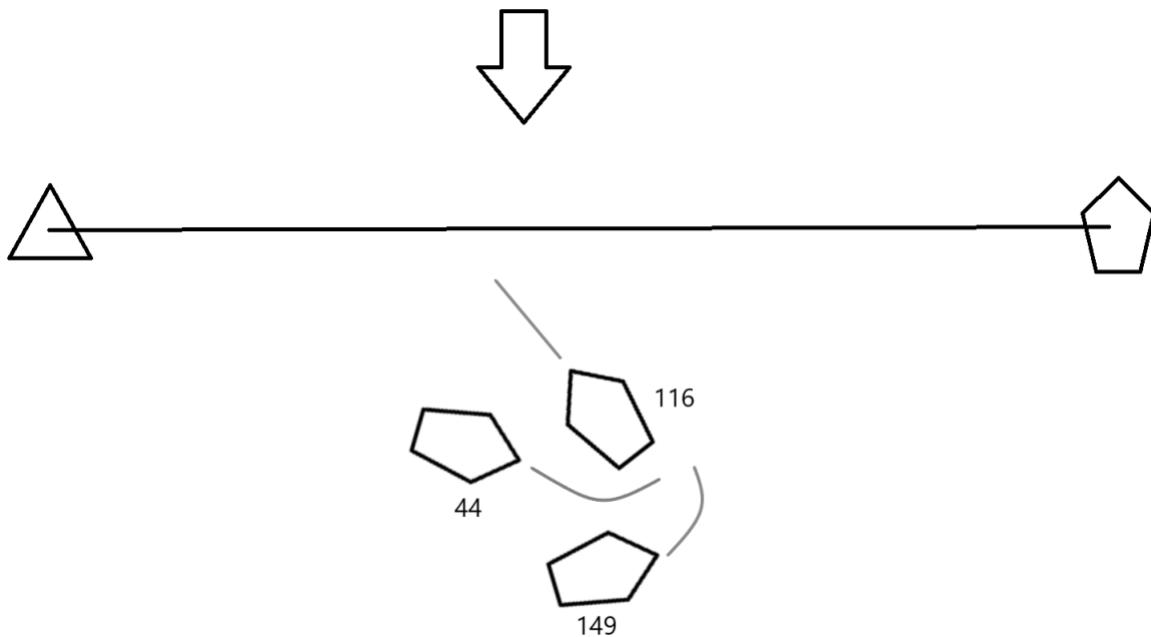


7. Description of Incident

At 1 to 2 minutes before the practice start, Godot (#44) was a boat length upwind and with bow at or just behind Jabberwocky's (#149) stern both were sailing on port tack. Arbitrage (#116) sailing on starboard crossed ahead of Jabberwocky (#149) as Godot bore down to cross Arbitrage's stern. When directly behind Arbitrage, Jabberwocky heads up and crosses head to wind to tack. At this point Godot has few options to avoid a collision. Heading up to tack would not avoid Arbitrage. Heading down to duck would not avoid Jabberwocky. Godot points her bow to the transom of Arbitrage to take her stern knowing that Jabberwocky will collide with Godot if Jabberwocky completes her tack. Jabberwocky responds by not completing her tack and heading above close hulled with wind over starboard. Godot passes the stern of Arbitrage and immediately tacks to avoid a collision with Jabberwocky. After Godot completes her tack Jabberwocky falls off to complete her tack. In doing so, her bow pulpit collides with Godot's stern pulpit and breaks Godot's stern lights. Phillip Laby (skipper of Godot) yells to Brent Vaughan (skipper of Jabberwocky) while pointing at the stern light and exclaiming, "You broke my stern light! Will you pay for it?" Brent responds with gestures that Godot took to mean the answer is no and then Brent steers Jabberwocky away.



While the practice start has no race, and therefore there is no consequence for a specific race result, I would appreciate compensation for the damage done to Godot and request that the protest committee review this protest to assign the responsible party to cover the cost of repairs.

Thank you,

Phillip Laby