



## 2023 SC27 Nationals in SC

MAY 27,28, 29, 2023

SANTA CRUZ YACHT CLUB

244 4TH AVENUE SANTA CRUZ, CA

Class	Santa Cruz 27
Protestor	3501 – Water Dragon – John Neville
Protestee	4 – Gotcha – Blake Davis
Witnesses	None
Type	Protest
Incident	At the leeward mark rounding in race 5 Water Dragon was the 3 <sup>rd</sup> boat on the outside of a pinwheel. Water Dragon was clear ahead of Gotcha. Water Dragon attempted to come up to the mark astern of the boat inside of them (Rio) and collided. Gotcha sailed inside of Water Dragon without room due.
Date/Time of hearing	29 May 2023 1000 Pacific
Location	Lower Room in Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Procedural Matters:	Protest Flag was not flown by Water Dragon as they were in distress (Concerned of losing the rig due to damage to the stem fitting) Protest was deemed valid.
Facts Found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No protest flag was flown due to damage to water dragon</li><li>• Gotcha was clear astern of all boats</li><li>• Water Dragon gave room to Rio</li><li>• Rio gave room to Don Quixote</li><li>• Water Dragon made contact with Rio's Starboard side well aft in the process of hardening up to round the mark</li><li>• Gotcha passed between Water Dragon and the Leeward Mark</li></ul>
Conclusion	Gotcha did not break rule 18.2 (b)
Rules	18.2(b) and 18.2(c)
Jury Decision	Protest is dismissed. Redress is Dismissed.
Jury Members	Mike Holt (Chairman), Peter Phalen, Mackenzie Cook
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