

HEARING DECISION
BY A PROTEST COMMITTEE



Filing	ONE	Heard With	TWO	Race	FOUR 7/1012026
Event	2026 Corinthian Friday Night Races				

TYPE OF HEARING	☒ Protest	☐ Redress	☐ Reopening	☐ Support Person
PARTY: Protestor / Requestor / Person Reporting		PARTY: Protestee / Committee / Reported Person		
Boat or Committee	469 STREAKER	Boat or Committee	33685 SONATA	
Type of Boat	J/105	Type of Boat	LASER 28	
Person/Represented By	DAVID JAMES	Person/Represented By	JON SHINN	
WITNESS(ES)		WITNESS(ES)		
GREG ARKUS		BERT MARTIN		

BEFORE THE HEARING (without parties present)		-----Relevant Facts-----
Schedule Posted & US Sailing Prescription to 63.1 Satisfied? 63.1(a)(1) & 63.1 Prescription	Yes	
Committee member saw incident? M2.2	No	
Committee member conflict of interest? 63.3 & M2.3	No	
PROCEDURAL MATTERS (with parties present)		
Party needs time to prepare? 63.1(a)(3) & M2.2(a)	No	
All Parties Present? 63.1(b) & M2.1(c)	Yes	
Objection based on conflict of interest? 63.3 & M2.3	No	
Representatives on board at time of incident? 63.1(a)(4)	Yes	
VALIDITY OF PROTEST OR REQUEST		
Submitted in writing? 60.3(a)	Yes	
Filed within relevant time limit? 60.3(b) & 61.2(b)	Yes	
Identifies Incident(protest) or Reason(redress)? 60.3(a), 61.2(a)	Yes	
Identifies protestor and protestee (protest)? 60.3(a)	Yes	
Protestor was involved in the incident? 60.4(a)(2)	Yes	
Protestor saw the incident? 60.4(a)(2)	Yes	
Hailed protest at first reasonable opportunity? 60.2(a)(1)	Yes	
Displayed red flag at first reasonable opportunity and until no longer racing? 60.2(a)(1)	Yes	
Clear to protestor at the time of the incident that there was danger, injury, or serious damage? 60.2(c)	Yes	
Informed at first reasonable opportunity? 60.2(b)	Not Applicable	
Informed within protest time limit (committee)? 60.2(a)(2)	Not Applicable	

VALIDITY DECISION: ☒ Valid; Hearing Proceeds ☐ Invalid; Hearing is closed



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PROCEDURAL MATTERS (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

1. Protest one and two were heard together from same incident.
2. Streaker retired 7/15/2026 from race on 7/10/2026.

FACTS FOUND (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

1. Wind 10 k with a flood.
2. Both boats were on starboard tack approaching the windward mark rounding to port.
3. At 5 boat lengths Streaker was sailing close-hauled at a faster speed than Sonata.
4. At 5 boat lengths Sonata was sailing slightly below close-hauled heading directly towards the ww mark.
5. At 4-5 boat lengths Streaker extended her bowsprit as she approached the windward mark.
6. When Sonata entered the Zone she was clear ahead.
7. Streaker testified that when she entered the zone she was overlapped with Sonata.
8. Sonata testified when she entered the zone she was clear ahead of Streaker
9. Streaker luffed up approaching the mark at one boat length.
10. Streaker had contact with the windward mark on her port side.
11. Streaker had contact with Sonata hull to hull and her bowsprit went through Sonata's lifelines forward of her push pit.
12. There was damage to both boats Sonata with rail damage and cracked winch and life lines and Streaker hull damage from hitting the mark.
13. Neither boat took a penalty and both boats finished.

☐ No diagram endorsed ☒ Committee's diagram attached ☐ Committee endorses party diagram by boat:

CONCLUSIONS AND APPLICABLE RULES (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

1. J/105 Class Rules 7.2: "Approaching a windward mark without the spinnaker set, the bowsprit shall not be extended until the bow of the boat has passed the mark". Streaker broke this rule.
2. Sonata entered the zone clear ahead and had mark room per RRS 18.2 (a) (2). Streaker broke this rule noting RRS 18.2 (e).
3. Because Streaker had contact with Sonata while she was rounding the mark Streaker broke RRS 18.2 (a) (2).
4. It was reasonably possible for Streaker to avoid contact and she did not she broke RRS 14.
5. It was reasonably possible for Sonata to avoid contact and she did not she broke RRS 14.

DECISION AND SCORING CHANGE, IF ANY (Number 1, 2, etc. for easy reference)

1. Because Streaker retired no further penalty is appropriate.
2. Sonata is DSQ in Race Four on 7/10/2026.

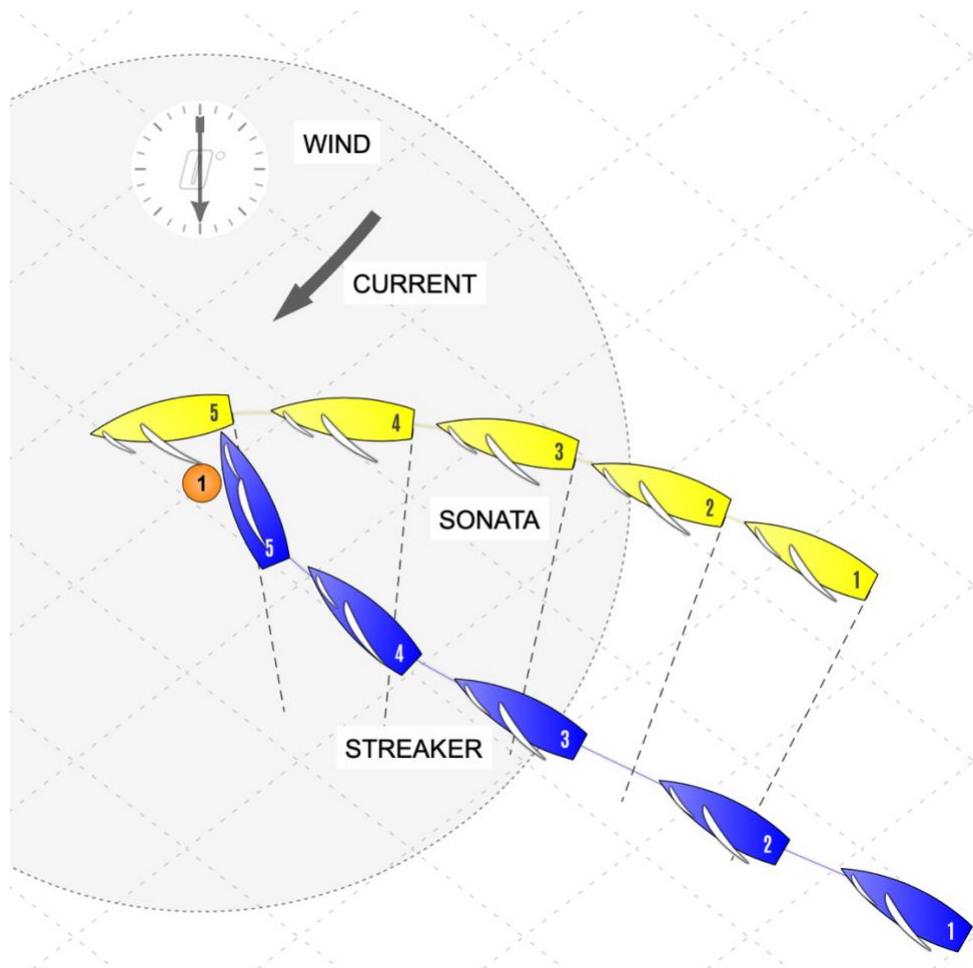
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Name	Position (Chair, scribe, etc.)	By whom?	David James
Mays Dickey	Judge	Time & Date Requested?	7/15/2026 9 PM
Joe Rockmore	Judge	Time & Date Provided?	7/20/26 11:30 AM
Tom Allard	Judge	Provided by? (paper, email, etc.)	email
Donald Wieneke	Chair & Scribe		
Date and Time:	7/20/26 11:30 AM		





HEARING REQUEST

for **protests**, requests for **redress**, and **reopening**

FOR COMMITTEE USE

Time & date received _____ Rec'd by _____
Protest time limit _____ Filing # _____

Race # Day/Date of Race

4 July 10, 2026

Event/Series

2026 Corinthian Friday Night Series (2nd Half)

Type of Hearing

☒ Protest

☐ Redress

☐ Reopening

Boat or Committee Protesting or Requesting

Making allegation, claim, or request

Boat (sail # / name) Streaker #469

-OR- Committee

Represented by David James

Mobile phone (415)272-2704

Email david_james@stanfordalumni.org

Protestee(s) or Committee/Body

Alleged to have broken a rule, or made an improper action or omission

Boat (sail # / name) Sonata #33685

Boat (sail # / name) _____

Boat (sail # / name) _____

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-OR- Committee/Body

For a protest only, informing the protestee: How did you inform the other boat of your intent to protest?

If "Yes" when (for each)?

By hailing? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Words used? Protest

By displaying a red flag? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Some other way? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Where / how? Immediately after contact ended

The incident

For a protest: When and where did it happen? (e.g. 1/2 way along first upwind leg, pre-start just below pin, etc.)

First weather mark rounding (#12 Little Harding government mark) at end of first beat.

For protests, please describe the incident. For redress or reopening, please state the reasons.

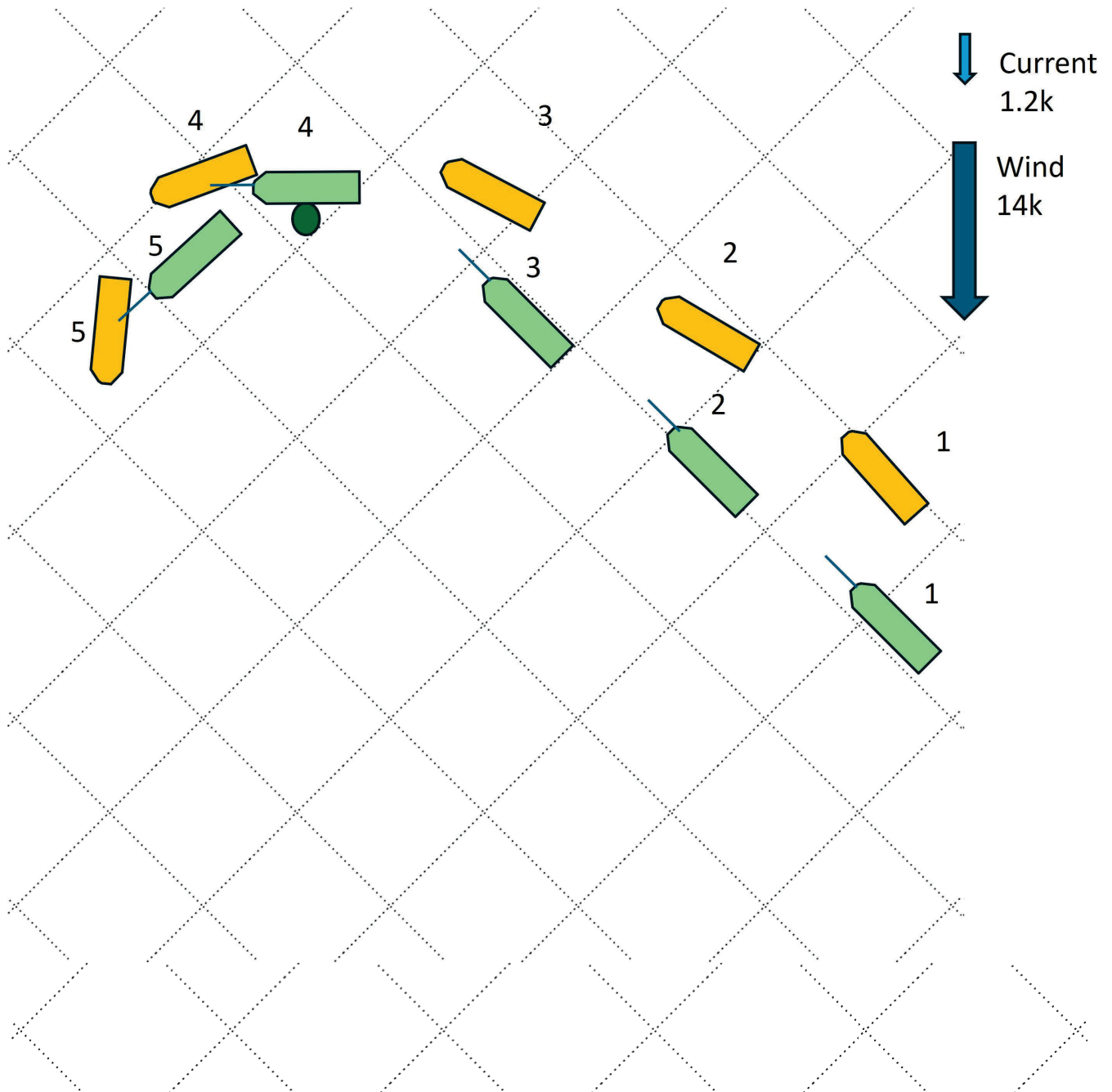
Approaching Little Harding with both boats comfortably fetching the mark on starboard tack despite a mild flood tide, Streaker (J-105) was clearly overlapped to leeward and sailing faster than Sonata (Laser 28). Streaker extended her pole at approximately 4-5 boat lengths in order to extend the tack line and prepare for the hoist. Sonata sailed substantially lower, closing the door and claiming that only Streaker's sprit was overlapped. Streaker luffed up to attempt to avoid the government mark while Sonata turned hard to leeward, presumably to try to cross our bow. Streaker's port side hit Little Harding just abaft the forward end of the cockpit. Streaker's bowsprit went through Sonata's lifelines forward of her pushpit. The boats eventually disentangled and continued the race.

Rules alleged to have been broken

18.2(a)(1), 14

For either a protest or a request for redress or reopening (if relevant)

Diagram Include wind and current (or continue the description of the incident and/or reasons)



Witnesses Please list by name

Greg Arkus

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I request to withdraw this filing

Signature of representative

Print name

Filing withdrawal approved

Signature of PC member

Print name



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Making allegation, claim, or request

Boat (sail # / name) _____

-OR- Committee _____

Represented by _____

Mobile phone _____

Email _____

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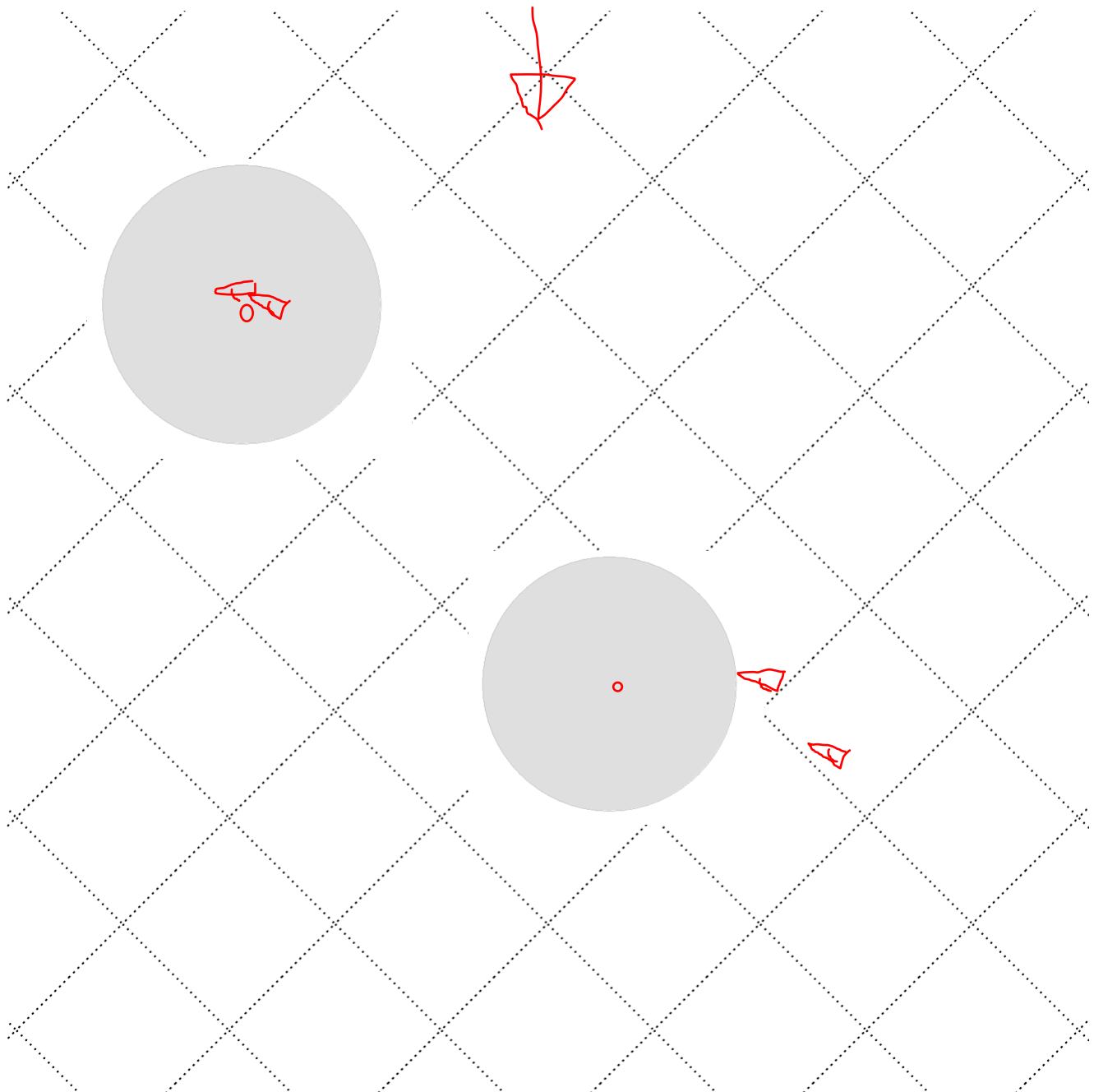
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