

**Official Communication**

As of 1 SEP 2012 At 19:47

PROTEST - DECISION**PROTEST No. 7**

Event: 3-Person Keelboat (Sonar)	Race: 2
Protestor: AUT	Protestee: ITA
Protest Details: Rule 18.3.a	
Facts found: Both boats were sailing to the windward mark on opposite tacks, with AUT on starboard and ITA on port. Within the 3 boat length zone, ITA tacked onto starboard in a position below the layline and 3/4 boat lengths to leeward of AUT. ITA luffed to round the windward mark. AUT did not have to sail above close-hauled, and rounded accordingly. No contact occurred.	
Conclusion: ITA's action did not cause AUT to sail above close-hauled to avoid her. No rule was broken.	
Rule(s) applicable: 18.3(a)	
Decision: Protest is dismissed	
Decision - short: Protest is dismissed.	
Jury: AZZOUG Mohamed (IFDS), VALENTINO Peter (IFDS), BEAL Lynne (IFDS), JOHNSON Peter (IFDS), SLEUTEL Henry (IFDS)	
Signed: _____ Date: Time: 0:00 Jury Panel Chairman	

LEGEND
No. Number