

**DECISION Case No: 1     Protest 1 Solace v Madama Butterfly  
 Protest 2 Madama Butterfly v Solace**

**Race: 8**

**PARTIES**

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Solace		Xavier Decomps
Madama Butterfly		Mike Share

**WITNESSES**

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
James Cooper	Solace Provided written statement.
John Stroud	Madama Butterfly Main Trim, Reefing
Gavin Reed	Madama Butterfly Headsail Trim

**Valid – Yes/No**

<p><b>Case Introduction:</b></p>
<p><b>Procedural Matters</b>  <b>Conflict of interest</b>          Protest Committee members declared that they had conflicts of interest as follows:          Steve Teudt's boat was entered in the series but did not compete in Race 8.          Parties consented to Steve Teudt being a member of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.3(c)(1) and no party objected to the members hearing the protest.</p> <p><b>Validity</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both boats delivered Hearing Requests containing the information required by rule 60.3(a) to the race office within the protest time limit.</li> <li>As a result of the incident both boats suffered that was obvious to each.</li> <li>Solace informed Madama Butterfly of her intention to protest within the protest time limit as required by rule 60.2(c).</li> <li>The protest is valid in accordance with rule 60.2(c) and the hearing continued.</li> </ol> <p><b>Other Procedural Matters</b>          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).          Solace tendered a written statement about the protest which was considered and given the weight the protest committee considered appropriate in accordance with RRS 63.5(a).</p>
<p><b>Facts found:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race 8 was sailed in WIND NE 18 to 20 kts.</li> <li>Solace was sailing upwind on port tack.</li> <li>Madama Butterfly was initially sailing on port tack luffed and began reefing her mainsail and passed head to wind onto starboard tack less than mom from Solace.</li> <li>Solace was initially keeping clear by passing ahead of Madama Butterfly.</li> <li>Madama Butterfly reached a close hauled course and accelerated, and came onto a collision course with Solace.</li> <li>Solace took no action to keep clear of Madama Butterfly.</li> <li>When it became clear to Madama Butterfly that Solace was not keeping clear, Madama Butterfly bore away intending to avoid contact. Madama Butterfly did not ease either main or headsail to allow her to bear away.</li> <li>There was contact between the bow of Madama Butterfly and the starboard aft quarter of Solace 1 m ahead of the stern causing large gouges in the gel-coat of Solace and the entire bow roller fitting of Madama Butterfly to lift off the deck.</li> </ol>

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13. Both boats continued in the race and finished  
14. Neither boat took a penalty.

### **Conclusion and Rules:**

- A. Solace, on port tack did not keep clear of Madama Butterfly on starboard. Solace broke RRS 10.  
B. Solace did not avoid contact with Madama Butterfly when it was reasonably possible to do so. Solace broke RRS 14.  
C. Madama Butterfly, acting no earlier than it was clear that Solace was not keeping clear, did not avoid contact with Solace when it was reasonably possible to do so. Madama Butterfly broke RRS 14.

### **Decision:**

Solace is disqualified in Race 8.  
Madama Butterfly is disqualified in Race 8.

### **Protest Committee:**

Name John Allan NJ, Massimo Henderson, Steve Teudt..

International Jury: No

### **Signed:**

John Allan

Date, time: 22 January 2026 18:50.