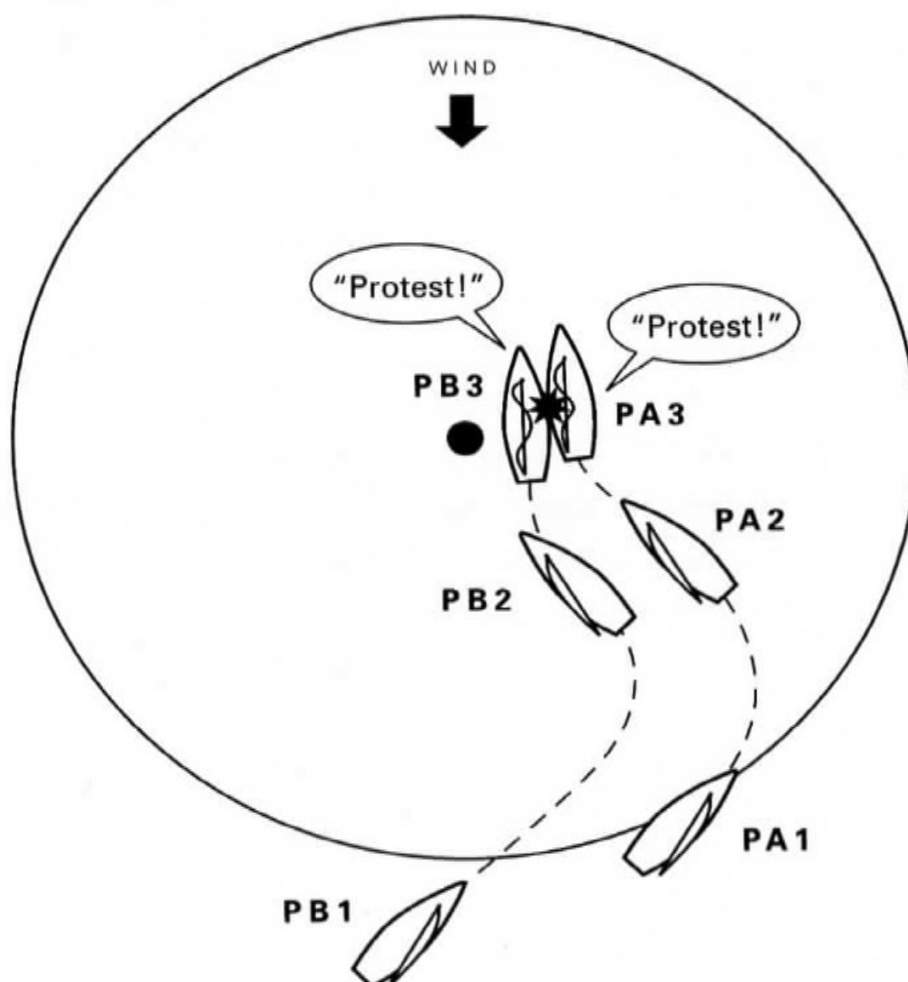


Quiz 43

Boats PA and PB, two close-hauled port-tack dinghies, are approaching a windward mark to be left to port. When PA reaches the zone, she is half a length clear ahead of PB, who is a half a length to windward of PA's centerline. Not wanting to risk tacking too close, PA tacks immediately after PB tacks. After sailing close-hauled on starboard tack for a few seconds, PB luffs sharply to head to wind to avoid hitting the mark and makes contact with PA causing no damage or injury. Both boats protest. You are on the protest committee; how would you decide this?



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