

Protest Number	1	
Race Details	Race 2, 2026 Brass Monkey Series	
Date of Incident	13 May 2026	
Date of Hearing	20 May 2026	
Protestor	Roaring Forties	Represented by Lisa Beecham
Protestee	Spirit	Represented by Jonathon Sims
Witness(es)	Patti Hunt (Roaring Forties), Hubert Ganser (Spirit) and RO David McMahon	
Validity	<p>Request is valid under RRS 60.2(a) (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Protest was lodged at 17:57 on 13 May 2026 • Protest Time Limit was 18:45 on 13 May 2026 • There was contact with starboard midship/chainplate area of Roaring Forties • Roaring Forties hailed Protest and displayed a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity • Roaring Forties' red flag was kept on deck close to the traveller 	
Facts Found	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The wind strength was approximately 15 knots 2. A start line was set by the Race Committee square to the wind (this differs from the wind angle shown on the Protest Diagram) 3. Approximately two minutes before the start both boats were sailing parallel, leeward of the start line preparing to start the race. 4. Roaring Forties was on starboard tack and Spirit was on Port tack, sailing towards each other on a collision course 5. Spirit luffed to windward and Roaring Forties bore away to leeward. 6. Contact occurred and Roaring Forties retired from the race 	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit did not keep clear as required by RRS 10 and failed to avoid a collision as required by RRS 14 • Roaring Forties failed to avoid a collision as required by RRS14 	
Rules that Apply	60.2(a) (1), 10, 14, 43.1(c), 63.5(a)	
Decision	<p>Spirit broke RRS 10 & 14 and is to be scored DSQ</p> <p>Roaring Forties broke rule 14, but is exonerated under RRS 43.1(c)</p>	
Jury	Ian Humphries (Chair), Mike McGehan, Lauren Twigg	
Chair's signature	<i>Ian Humphries</i>	
Date and Time	20 May 2026 15:30	