

Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

Request for Redress Aurelia II vs Race Committee

Hearing at the RPEYC on Wednesday 4th February 2009.

Event: RPEYC Point Score, Division 3,
RSYS Main Series, Division 3,
RSYS Summer Series, Division 3, 31 January 2009

Aurelia II represented by; Norman Longworth
Race Committee represented by; Nathan Satara

FACTS FOUND

1. Approximately 25 seconds before the scheduled starting time a ferry crossed the starting line obscuring the pin mark and constituting an obstruction to some competitors.
2. 20 seconds prior to the starting time the Race Officer called for an AP signal to be made and two sound signals were made the second of which was 5 seconds before the scheduled starting time.
3. Before the AP was displayed the class flag was partially lowered but still clearly displayed.
4. The Race Officer hailed "AP" to boats within hailing range.
5. The Race Officer observed some boats not returning and made a general recall signal approximately 37 seconds after the scheduled starting time and made repeated radio calls.
6. Four out of the ten competitors returned and the race was later re-started.

CONCLUSION

The Race Committee made an effective AP signal prior to the starting signal. There was no improper action or omission by the Race Committee.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS 27.3, 62.1(a), 64.2

DECISION

Request for redress is denied.

Douglas Talty

Chairman

4th February 2009.

Protest Committee; John Kirkjian, Colin Marshall, Doug Talty.