

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Protest Hearing Imagination/DAUS179 vs Indulgence/DAUS207

Hearing at the RSYS on Wednesday 11th November 2009

Event Incorporating: International Dragon NSW Championship Race 6

Imagination, represented by; Martin Cooper

Indulgence, represented by; Robert Alpe

FACTS FOUND

1. 179 was on starboard approaching the port layline to the top mark with 207 to windward about ½ to 1 boat length and either close to or overlapped about 5 boat lengths below the mark.
2. 207 tacked to port about 2 boat lengths from the port layline.
3. As soon as 207 tacked, 179 tacked about 1 boat length from the port layline.
4. As the boats approached the mark 107 was clear ahead of 179 at the zone and 1 boat length wider of the mark than 179.
5. When 207 reached the starboard layline she tacked to starboard, 1 boat length from the mark and ahead of 207 who was on the starboard layline
6. 179 luffed and tried to avoid a collision and hit both 207 and the mark.
7. The bow of 207 hit the side of 179 aft of bow.

CONCLUSION

207 failed to give 179 room to keep clear after acquiring right of way.

RULES APPLICABLE

18.2(b) & (c), Mark Room OEF, 13, 10, 15, 14, 44.1, 31,61.1, 61.3

DECISION

207 is to be scored DSQ.

John Kirkjian

Chairman

11th November 2009

Protest Committee: John Kirkjian, Steven Hatch & Peter Davison