

**Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron**  
**INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS**  
**MILSON SILVER GOBLETS**

**Protest Hearing**  
**Iron Lotus/AUS925 vs Wobbegong/AUS1165**

Hearing at the RSYS on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Event:** Race 1

**Iron Lotus**, represented by; Tom King  
**Wobbegong**, represented by; Doug Flynn

**FACTS FOUND**

1. AUS1165 and AUS925 on port tack and AUS1165 to windward.
2. AUS1165 altered course to leeward after colliding with AUS1163.
3. AUS1165 then collided with AUS925's port side causing serious damage.
4. AUS925 had no opportunity to avoid the collision.
5. Both AUS925 and AUS1165 retired from the race.

**CONCLUSION**

1. AUS1165 as windward boat failed to keep clear of AUS925 as required by rule 11.
2. AUS1165 was a boat breaking a rule of Part 2 and serious damage occurred to AUS925 requiring AUS1165 to retire from the race, which she did, requiring no further penalty.

**RULES APPLICABLE**

Rules 11, 64.1(b), 64.2.

**DECISION**

Redress is granted to AUS925, and she is awarded a score equal to the average of her races in the series excluding this race and her worse score.

***Lister Hughes***

Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Protest Committee:** John Conroy, Howard Elliott, Lister Hughes.