

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Protest Hearing

J Force/5367 vs Limelight/6277

Limelight/6277 vs J Force/5367

Hearing at the RPEYC on Wednesday 24th January 2007

Event: Division2; Heat 15, Main Series
Heat 1, Summer Series
Heat 8, Short Inshore Series

J Force represented by; Moty Bergman

Limelight represented by; Alan Husband

FACTS FOUND

1. J FORCE hailed LIMELIGHT to take a penalty after an alleged incident between the two boats.
2. J FORCE subsequently hailed protest and went below to get the protest flag and displayed it within a minute.
3. LIMELIGHT did not hail protest or display a red flag.
4. There was no contact between the boats.

CONCLUSION

1. J FORCE did not hail or conspicuously display a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
2. LIMELIGHT did not hail or conspicuously display a protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
3. Both protests are invalid.

RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 61.1(a), 63.5.

DECISION

The hearing is closed.

Lister Hughes

Chairman

24th January 2007

Protest Committee: Lister Hughes, Glen Ilic, John Kirkjian, Doug Talty.

61.1 Informing the Protestee

(a) A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer *racing*.

63.5 Validity of the Protest or Request for Redress

At the beginning of the hearing the protest committee shall decide whether all requirements for the *protest* or request for redress have been met, after first taking any evidence it considers necessary. If all requirements have been met, the *protest* or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If not, it shall be closed. If the *protest* has been made under rule 60.3(a)(1), the protest committee shall also determine whether or not injury or serious damage resulted from the incident in question. If not, the hearing shall be closed.