

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sydney Flying Squadron

Protest Hearing Limelight/6277 vs Britannia/Historical 18ft

Hearing at the RSYS on Wednesday 23rd December 2009

Events: RSYS Division 2, Main series, Heat 14
Spring Series, Heat 14
Short Inshore Series, Heat 7
SFS Historical Fleet, Race 12.

Limelight, represented by; Alan Husband

Britannia, represented by; Ian Smith

FACTS FOUND

1. LIMELIGHT & BRITANNIA were both square running on port tack with BRITANNIA to leeward and astern and on similar but slightly converging course, with both travelling at about 7 knots.
2. LIMELIGHT gybed onto starboard reach and a collision course with BRITANNIA.
3. BRITANNIA's crew repeatedly hailed LIMELIGHT to avoid them, for approximately 15 seconds before the collision.
4. LIMELIGHT was aware of the hails from BRITANNIA for a similar time period.
5. LIMELIGHT held her course until immediately prior to the collision.
6. BRITANNIA held her course until immediately prior to the collision.
7. Approximately 15 seconds after LIMELIGHT gybed, a collision occurred between LIMELIGHT's bow and BRITANNIA's port gunnel, approximately one meter aft of her bow which caused serious damage BRITANNIA
8. LIMELIGHT retired from the race and stood by until she was advised by BRITANNIA that she was no longer required to assist.
9. BRITANNIA did not finish the race.

CONCLUSION

1. BRITANNIA being port tack boat failed to keep clear of LIMELIGHT a starboard tack boat.
2. LIMELIGHT did not act promptly enough when it was clear BRITANNIA was not keeping clear.
3. LIMELIGHT met her obligations under rule 1.1.

RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 1.1, 10 & 14.

DECISION

1. BRITANNIA is to be scored DSQ in SFS Historical, Race 12.
2. LIMELIGHT is to be scored DSQ in RSYS Division 2; Main series Heat 14, Spring Series Heat 14 & Short Inshore Series Heat 7

David Tallis
Chairman
23rd December 2009

Protest Committee: David Tallis, Glen Stanaway, Lister Hughes.