

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
PROTEST HEARING
Wednesday 12 December 2007

Limelight/6277 v Double Trouble/6626

Hearing at the RSYS, Shellcove Room on Wednesday 12 December 2007.

Event: Division 2, Heat 7, Short Inshore Series.

Limelight represented by: Alan Husband

Double Trouble represented by: Steve Wyatt

FACTS FOUND

1. The protest was valid.
2. Neither LIMELIGHT nor DOUBLE TROUBLE was able to agree on ANY facts that formed the basis of the protest.
3. Neither LIMELIGHT nor DOUBLE TROUBLE could agree upon the gybe (port or starboard) that the boats were on as they were about to round or pass a mark of the course.
4. Neither party called any witnesses to the incident to corroborate the allegations.

CONCLUSION

There was reasonable doubt that LIMELIGHT obtained an overlap at the two-length zone as she was about to round of pass a mark of the course.

RULES APPLICABLE

18.2(e)

DECISION

Protest is dismissed.

Chris Harper

Chairman

12 December 2007

Protest Committee; Chris Harper (Chairman), Peter Hamilton, Peter Edwards

18.2(e) OVERLAP RIGHTS

If there is reasonable doubt that a boat obtained or broke an *overlap* in time, it shall be presumed that she did not.

Clear Astern and Clear Ahead; Overlap One boat is *clear astern* of another when her hull and equipment in normal position are behind a line abeam from the aftermost point of the other boat's hull and equipment in normal position. The other boat is *clear ahead*. They *overlap* when neither is *clear astern*. However, they also *overlap* when a boat between them *overlaps* both. These terms do not apply to boats on opposite *tacks* unless rule 18 applies.