

MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

Protest Hearing Limelight vs Zypher

Hearing at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club on 10th November 2010 at 1800 hrs.

Event: RSYS SOPS R5 on 4 Nov 2010

Limelight represented by: Alex Husband

The hail of 'protest' and display of the protest flag met the requirements of RRS 61.1a and the protest is valid. The protest flag was not observed by the RC at the finish.

FACTS FOUND

1. SOPS race approaching the finish. Very light breeze, calm water.
2. A port/starboard incident occurred between Limelight (on starboard) and Zypher (on port) within 100m of the finish. There was no contact between the boats.
3. Zypher was scored RAF.
4. Limelight seeks redress believing that her score was significantly affected by the incident and that Zypher's actions were a breach of RRS2, Fair Sailing.
5. Limelight stated that Zypher misjudged the distance between the boats.

Rules: RRS 10

Conclusion: To breach RRS 2 there must be intent on the part of the offending boat or crew. 'Misjudgement' does not constitute a breach of RRS 2.

Decision: Redress is denied.

Steve Tucker

Chairman

10 Nov 2010

Protest Committee: Phil Clinton, Ted Hamilton, Steve Tucker