

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING

Protest Committee vs Limelight 6277 Protest Committee vs Britannia (Historical 18ft)

Hearing at the RSYS on Thursday 28th January 2010

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. During the hearing of a request for redress by LIMELIGHT, the Protest Committee (PC) became aware of a collision between LIMELIGHT and BRITANNIA that may have resulted in serious damage and subsequently protested both boats in accordance with rule 60.3(a) (1).
2. LIMELIGHT & BRITANNIA were both square running on port tack with BRITANNIA to leeward and astern and on similar but slightly converging courses, with both travelling at about 7 knots.
3. LIMELIGHT gybed onto a starboard reach and a collision course with BRITANNIA.
4. BRITANNIA's crew repeatedly hailed LIMELIGHT to avoid them, for approximately 15 seconds before the collision.
5. LIMELIGHT was aware of the hails from BRITANNIA for a similar time period.
6. LIMELIGHT held her course until immediately prior to the collision.
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8. Approximately 15 seconds after LIMELIGHT gybed, a collision occurred between LIMELIGHT's bow and BRITANNIA's port gunwhale, approximately one meter aft of her bow which caused considerable damage to BRITANNIA, capsizing her and rendering the boat unsailable.
9. LIMELIGHT retired from the race and stood by until she was advised by BRITANNIA that she was no longer required to assist and was scored DNF.
10. LIMELIGHT was subsequently awarded redress of average points under 62.1(c) and rescored as RDG.
11. BRITANNIA did not finish the race and was scored DNF.

CONCLUSION

1. The damage to BRITANNIA constitutes 'serious damage'
2. BRITANNIA failed to keep clear of LIMELIGHT under rule 10.
3. BRITANNIA retired and in so doing took the penalty applicable under rule 44.1(b).
4. LIMELIGHT did not act promptly enough when it was clear BRITANNIA was not keeping clear and broke rule 14.

RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 60.3(a)(1), 1.1, 10, 14, 44.1(b), 64.1(b)

DECISION

BRITANNIA's score shall remain DNF

LIMELIGHT shall be scored DSQ

David Tallis

Chairman

28th January 2010

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