

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Middle Harbour Yacht Club

Protest Hearing Pla Loma IV/MH7 vs Jackie Clare/7367

Hearing at the RSYS on Wednesday 25th February 2009

Event: MHYC Race 16, Annual Inshore Point Score.
RSYS Heat 20, Main Series.
RSYS Heat 6, Summer Series.
RSYS Heat 10, Short Inshore Series.
RPEYC Heat 6, Main Series.

Pla Loma IV, represented by; Robert Corran
Jackie Clare, represented by; Geoff Davidson

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind strength was light between 5 and 7 knots.
2. PLA LOMA IV was on port tack and tacked onto starboard tack completing her tack approximately one boat length ahead of JACKIE CLARE within the final minute before the start.
3. PLA LOMA IV was early for the start and eased sheets to slow the boat down but did not alter course.
4. JACKIE CLARE had all her crew to leeward and did not have a crewmember on the bow.
5. JACKIE CLARE also eased sheets to slow down and was travelling at about 2 knots.
6. JACKIE CLARE had a boat to one and half meters to windward and another boat two meters to leeward of her with the bow of the leeward boat in the back quarter of JACKIE CLARE.
7. JACKIE CLARE did not ask either boat to windward or leeward of her for room.
8. JACKIE CLARE closed in on PLA LOMA IV and JACKIE CLARE's bow hit the port edge of the transom of PLA LOMA IV causing minor damage.
9. Both boats completed the race and neither boat carried out a penalty turn.

CONCLUSION

JACKIE CLARE being clear astern and not overlapped and on the same tack failed to keep clear of PLA LOMA IV a boat clear ahead.

RULES APPLICABLE

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DECISION

JACKIE CLARE is to be scored points for DSQ.

Lister Hughes

Chairman

25th February 2009

Protest Committee: Phil Clinton (MHYC), Tim Cox (RSYS), Lister Hughes (RPEYC)