

Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

Protest Hearing Vincero/1343 vs Alchemist/1082

Hearing at the RPEYC on Wednesday 3rd November 2010.

Event No: Etchells Race 6, 30-10-10 and associated pointscores

Protestor represented by; Nick Kingsmill

Protestee represented by; Richard Hammond

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was N,E. at aprox 15 knots
2. Vincero (1343) was laying a windward mark on starboard tack in a queue of boats which had overlaid the mark.
3. Alchemy (1082) approached on port tack on a collision course.
4. 1082 tacked onto starboard within the zone and completed her tack overlapped to leeward of 1343 and slightly advanced.
5. A collision occurred within 2 seconds of completion of 1082's tack between the rigs of 1343 and 1082 in which 1343's masthead windgear was damaged.
6. There was no action reasonably available to 1343 to avoid the collision.
7. No boat undertook any penalty.

CONCLUSION

1082 in acquiring right of way to leeward of 1343 did not initially give 1343 room to keep clear.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS 11, 15, 14.

DECISION

Alchemist (1082) is to be scored DSQ in Race 6 on 30-10-10 and associated p pointscores.

Douglas Talty

Chairman

3rd November 2010.

Protest Committee; Douglas Talty, Sean Kirkjian, Gordon Wolf.