

Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

Redress Hearings

Wyreepi Too/306 vs Race Committee Protest Committee's Hearing to consider Redress for all boats in Division 4

Hearing at the RPEYC on Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

Event: RPEYC Main Series, Heat 10.
RSYS Main Series, Heat 22.
RSYS Summer series, Heat 7.

Wyreepi Too: represented by; Phillip Donnelly

Hornblower: represented by; Steve Sweeney

Brother Hood: represented by; Tony Craven

Kerstin II: represented by; Richard Alsop

FACTS FOUND

1. RW Mark was laid in its designated position by the RSYS mark layer on the morning of the 27th February 2010.
2. Division 4 is a mixed fleet of small yachts
3. Ten of the eleven season entries in Division 4, plus one casual entry started and finished the race on Saturday 27th February.
4. The Race Committee signalled Division 4's Course 1 which included RW Mark.
5. Division 4 was the only division required to round the RW mark.
6. On arrival in the area of RW Mark, the leading boat KERSTIN II, could not find the mark.
7. KERSTIN II proceeded to round another mark laid further into Rose Bay and was followed by WYREEPI TOO and others.
8. Other boats including HORNBLOWER and BROTHER HOOD turned in the area RW mark should have been.
9. At least one boat rounded SM Mark.
10. The RW mark was missing when the mark layer went to pick it up at 7.00 PM

CONCLUSION

1. Due to RW Mark missing, and the different solutions opted for by the fleet, it was not a fair race.
2. It would be impossible to fairly grant redress to such a mixed fleet.

RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 60.3(b), 62.1 (a) & 64.2.

DECISION

The Division 4 race conducted on Saturday 27th February is abandoned.

Lister Hughes

Chairman

3rd March 2010.

Protest Committee; Lister Hughes, Sean Kirkjian, Doug Talty.