

# Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

## Protest No 1

### Yandoo XX/EAUS868 vs Sun Tzu/EAUS1088

Hearing at the RSYS on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Event:** International Etchells, Heat 8, Mini Regatta SCR.  
Heat 8, Mini Regatta HCP.  
Heat 6, World Qualifying Series.

**Yandoo XX**, represented by; Neville Wittey

**Sun Tzu**, represented by; Roger Hickman

#### FACTS FOUND

1. At the starting line YANDOO XX was the third or fourth boat down from the committee boat, travelling slowly (about 1 knot) with boats close on each side.
2. Approximately 20 seconds before the start SUN TSU came from clear astern at about 2 knots.
3. SUN TSU established an overlap to windward of YANDOO XX and to leeward of the boat that was to windward of YANDOO XX.
4. SUN TSU was unable to respond to hails from YANDOO XX due to boats to windward of her.
5. A collision occurred and YANDOO XX was damaged but was able to continue racing

#### CONCLUSION

1. SUN TSU established an overlap from clear astern between 2 boats that were travelling slowly and caused a collision with YANDOO XX.
2. YANDOO XX was unable to avoid the collision.

#### RULES APPLICABLE

Rules 12, 11 and 14.

#### DECISION

SUN TSU is to be scored DSQ in the above events.

*Lister Hughes*

Chairman

12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**Protest Committee:** Tony Mooney, Doug Talty, Lister Hughes.