

# 2008 M 30 Australian Championship

**Protest No.1**

**Race 4**

## **Awarua 7060 V Race Committee**

Hearing at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Milsons Point on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.

**Protest Committee:** John Kirkjian, Lister Hughes & Chris Harper

**Protestor represented by:** Chris Way

**Protestee represented by:** Charles Maclurcan

### **FACT FOUND**

1. The Race Committee conducted three heats of the M30 Australian Championship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008.
2. The Sailing Instructions for the Event required any protest to be lodged with the RSYS Sailing Office within one and a half hours of the completion of the last race of the day...
3. The last boat in the last race of the day finished at 15:49.23 hours
4. The protest time limit posted on the RSYS Official Notice Board read 17:20 hours.
5. Awarua returned to the RSYS pond at approximately 17:05
6. Awarua did not lodge her protest at the RSYS Sailing Office until 17:30 hours.10 minutes outside the official time limit.

### **CONCLUSION**

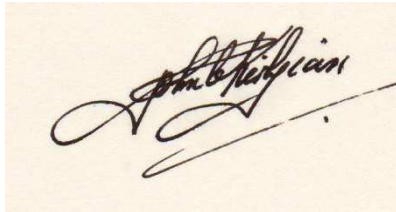
1. There was no good reason for the Protest Committee to extend the time limit for lodging the protest.
2. The protest is invalid

### **RULES APPLICABLE**

**RRS:** 61.3, 63.5 and SI 18.2

## DECISION

1. The protest is closed.

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***John C. Kirkjian***  
***Chairman***

### **61.3 Protest Time Limit**

A *protest* by a boat, or by the race committee or protest committee about an incident the committee observes in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office no later than the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. If none is stated, the time limit is two hours after the last boat in the race *finishes*. Other race committee or protest committee *protests* shall be delivered to the race office within two hours after the committee receives the relevant information. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

### **63.5 Validity of the Protest or Request for Redress**

At the beginning of the hearing the protest committee shall decide whether all requirements for the *protest* or request for redress have been met, after first taking any evidence it considers necessary. If all requirements have been met, the *protest* or request is valid and the hearing shall be continued. If not, it shall be closed. If the *protest* has been made under rule 60.3(a)(1), the protest committee shall also determine whether or not injury or serious damage resulted from the incident in question. If not, the hearing shall be closed.

## SI 18 PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS 61.
- 18.2 Protests must reach the RSYS Sailing Office within one and a half hours of the completion of the last race of the day.
- 18.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests at the RSYS on the evening of the race.
- 18.4 It is the sole responsibility of parties who protest to present themselves to the hearing with such witnesses as may be required