

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Saturday 13/10/23

Friday Twilight Race 2, Division 1

Protest:- Jackie Clare (7367) vs Adela II (9797)

Hearing at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron on 17th October 2023 at 1900

Jackie Clare was represented by Geoff Davidson

Adela II was represented by David Lamond

Conflict of Interest

Peter Lowndes, of the Protest Panel, also competes in the Friday Twilight Division 1. The series has no pointscore and the result of this protest would not affect his result in this race. No objections were raised as to his membership of the panel.

Validity

The protest was received by the race office within the time frame allowed in the SIs

7367 hailed "protest" and displayed a red flag. 9797 did not hear the hail but the activity on the boats at the time may have prevented this. 9797 also did not see the red flag but this is likely due to the fact that it was displayed on a lifeline. 7367 advised 9797 of the intent to protest at the club after the race which would have been the earliest opportunity.

The protest is deemed valid

Facts found

1. At the time of the incident:
 - a. The wind was approximately 10-12 knots
 - b. The sea state was calm
 - c. Both boats were making approximately 6.5 knots boat speed
 - d. There was a strong incoming tide
2. 7367 was on starboard tack on a close hauled course
3. 9797 was on port tack on a close hauled course
4. The boats approached and reached a distance of 5-10m (2-4 seconds to collision)
5. 7367 reasonably assumed that a collision was imminent and took action to avoid a collision.
6. 9797 simultaneously tacked.
7. Neither boat carried out a penalty turn.

Conclusion

1. 9797 on port tack was the keep clear boat (RRS10)
2. 7367 altered course to avoid a collision with a keep clear boat

Rules Applicable

RRS10

Decision

Adela II (9797) is to be scored DSQ in Race 2 RSYS Twilight Series

Peter Campbell Lowndes

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Protest Committee Chairperson

Protest Committee: Peter Lowndes (RSYS) , Peter McCorquodale (SASC), Peter Davison (RSYS)