

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
ETCHELLS MILSON GOBLETS SERIES

Protest No. 2

Race No. 5

EAUS 1213 v EAUS 1463

Hearing at the RSYS on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 19:30 Hours.

Protest Committee: Lister Hughes, Howard Elliott and John Kirkjian

1213 was represented by: Jason Antill

1463 was represented by: Matthew Ramaley

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was from the South at a strength of 10 - 12 knots.
2. 1213 was sailing close hauled on starboard tack.
3. 1463 was sailing close hauled on port tack.
4. 1213 tacked approximately two boats to leeward of 1463 and 200 metres from the lay line to the windward mark.
5. There was an unidentified boat on the starboard tack lay line who was sailing in line clear ahead of 1268 and 1244 who were approaching the windward mark with 1268 overlapped and advanced on 1244.
6. 1463 elected to pass astern of the unidentified RoW boat and began to bear away.
7. At that point 1213 hailed 'no' and luffed up to avoid 1268.
8. A collision occurred immediately between bow of 1463, the stern of the unidentified boat and the starboard side of 1213.
9. There was minor damage.

CONCLUSION

1. From the time the overlap was established 1213 was the give room boat if 1463 chose to pass astern of the starboard tacking boats.

2. 1213 had the opportunity for some considerable time to hail 1463 for room to tack but by the time she hailed there was insufficient time for 1463 to respond.
3. 1463 is exonerated from her obligations under 11 & 14.
4. 1213 failed to honour her obligations under RRS 19.2(b).

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS: 14, 19.2(b), 20.2 & WS Cases 11

DECISION

1. 1213 is to be scored DSQ in race 5

John C. Kirkjian
Chairman