

Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

WEDNESDAY SERIES 2018-19

Protest Hearing
Yarrandi/211 vs Duende/ESP6100
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Hearing at the RPEYC on Wednesday 6th March 2019.

Event No: Race No 18

Yarrandi, represented by; David Griffith.
Duende, represented by; Damien Parkes.

VALIDITY

1. Both protests were received, via email, outside the time limit of 1830.
2. Both parties stated that the emails had been send prior to the protest time limit expiring
3. The protest committee found there was good reason to extend the time limit in accordance with rule 61.3, due to the damage to YARRANDI.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was southerly, gusting between 10 and 18 knots.
2. Three quarters of a mile from the start DUENDE was sailing on port tack on a tight reach.
3. YARRANDI was on port tack overlapped to windward of DUENDE and sailing faster.
4. The distance between the two boats was 3 to 4 meters.
5. DUENDE was hailing YARRANDI to ‘keep clear’ and ‘go up’.
6. YARRANDI’s response was insufficient in the existing conditions to her meet her obligations to keep clear of DUENDE.
7. Just prior to the contact a crew member of YARRANDI advised the helmsman to go up.
8. A collision occurred between DUENDE’s bow sprit and the aft starboard quarter of YARRANDI causing damage to her steering wheel and pushpit.
9. YARRANDI retired from the race due to the damage incurred.

CONCLUSION

1. YARRANDI being windward boat failed to keep clear of DUENDE a leeward boat breaking rule 11.
2. DUENDE the windward right of way boat had insufficient time to avoid YARRANDI.
3. YARRANDI having withdrawn from the race cannot be further penalised.

RULES APPLICABLE

11, 14, 44.1, 61.3, 64.1(b).

DECISION

No further penalty can be applied.

Lister Hughes

Chairman

6th March 2019

Protest Committee; Greg Mason, Andrew Strange, Lister Hughes.