

RPEYC Wednesday Series 2023/2024

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1

Race: 17

PARTIES

| Boat or Committee or Person | Class/Fleet | Represented By/Not Present |
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| The Holy Gale 6677 | Division 4 | Wolf d Breit |
| A-Bus 7790 | Division 4 | Andrew Goldfinch |

WITNESSES

| Name | Boat – Committee - Role |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Graham Kemp (Written Statement) | Skipper - Tallulah |
| Ric Feller (Written Statement) | A-Bus - Crew |
| Doyle Graham | A-Bus - Crew |
| Chris Maclean | THG- Crew |

Case Introduction: Protest by The Holy Gale against A-Bus involving Boat against Boat incident at leeward mark (KP1), resulting in contact between boats.

Procedural Matters:

1. Protest Committee members declared that they had no conflicts of interest and no party objected to the members hearing the protest. In accordance with RRS 63.4
2. The requirements of RRS 61.1(a) & 61.1(a) (1) were met in that a red flag was displayed at the first opportunity and the notice of protest was lodged within the time limit specified in the Sailing Instructions
3. All parties agreed to the presentation of written evidence of witnesses not present RRS Appendix M (3.2)

Facts found:

1. The wind was from the South with a wind strength of approximately 20-25 knots
2. Both boats were sailing on a port reach towards the leeward mark KP1,
3. A-Bus was leeward of The Holy Gale
4. The Holy Gale was clear ahead of A-Bus and overlapped with Tallulah at the Mark Zone
5. A- Bus after leaving the Mark on a port Tack came into contact with the Holy Gale's stern portside, causing significant damage

Conclusion & Rules:

1. Holy Gale was overlapped and to Windward of Tallulah and therefore entitled to room at the mark (Rule 18.2 (a))
2. A-Bus was leeward of The Holy Gale and had not established a windward overlap prior to entering the mark zone and was required to keep clear of The Holy Gale (Rule 18.2 (b))
3. A-Bus was required to keep clear of The Holy Gale and did not, resulting in a collision (rule 14)

Rules applicable are RRS 18.2a, 18.2(b) & RRS 14, Appendix M (3.2)

Decision:

The protest is upheld A-Bus is to be scored Disqualified from Race 17 of the RPEYC Wednesday Series 2023/2024

Protest Committee:

Greg Mason (Chair), Peter Cameron, Mike Logan

Signed:



21 February, 2024, time: 18:00Hrs