

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Race: 26

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
RPEYC Race Committee (RC)		Andrew Strange (RO)
Black Diamond Bay (BDB)	Div 5	Kerry Lehmann (Skipper)

WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee
Cheryl Yarrow	Race Committee
Peter Taylor	Race Committee

Valid – Yes under RRS 61.3

Case Introduction:

Not sailing the course, contrary to RPEYC Wednesday Series Sailing Instructions Rule 10.3

Procedural Matters:

No conflict of interests declared and the panel accepted by both parties.

Facts found:

1. Weather was clear with good visibility, aprox 16knots of breeze.
2. RC had an unobstructed view of the Cardinal & Shark Island SA marks
3. RO & Witness used a visual aid to observe the Cardinal and YA shark marks
4. BDB was sailing toward the Shark Island south cardinal mark

Conclusion & Rules:

BDB failed to leave the SM mark to starboard, contravening both the Sailing Instructions rule 10.3 and the RRS definitions of marks.

Decision:

BDB is ruled DNF

Protest Committee:

Gordon Woolf (Chair) Greg Mason, John Vickery

Signed:

Date, time: 17.04.24 9.23am