



## PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No:1

Race: Race 9 on 4/12/2024

### PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
BRITANNIA	Division 2	Glen Ilic
Amante	Division 2	Chose to be Not Represented
Whistling Kite	Division 2	Kym Evans

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Nigel Maitland	Whistling Kite

Valid – Yes

**Case Introduction:** *Britannia protesting Amante and Whistling Kite both on port Tack not giving way to Britannia on a Starboard Tack in the vicinity of the Rose Bay Mark designated as a rounding Mark of the course.*

**Procedural Matters:**  
*The Protest Committee declared no conflicts of interest, which was accepted by the parties to the hearing.  
 As all boats were involved in the same incident it was accepted by all parties that the protest between all three boats would be heard together*

**Facts found:**

- The requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) & (c) were met that a red flag and a call of protest was displayed at the first opportunity and the written protest form was received by the Sailing office within the time limit specified in the Sailing Instructions.*
- The wind strength was approximately 10-15 knots from a Southerly Direction*
- The three Yachts were approaching the RB mark (Rose Bay Mark) a starboard rounding mark of the course*
- All Yachts were working to windward with average speed of 5 knots*
- Britannia on a Starboard Tack, Amante and Whistling Kite on Port Tack*
- All boats were fetching the mark*
- Amante and Whistling Kite were sailing within 2 hull widths of each other and Whistling kite had an overlap  $\frac{3}{4}$  boat length to Windward of Amante*
- Britannia on a Starboard Tack was forced to bear away behind Amante*
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**Conclusion & Rules:**

- Amante and Whistling Kite on a port tack were required to stay clear of Britannia (Rule10)*
- Britannia was forced to avoid a collision with Amante and altered course to pass astern of Amante(rule 14)*
- Whistling Kite was clear ahead of Britania and therefore not required to give room*

**Decision:**  
*Amante did comply with her obligations under RRS 10 and is to be scored DSQ*

**Protest Committee:** International Jury: No  
 Name Gregory Mason (Chair), Gordon Woolf, Peter Cameron  
**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **9 December 2024 18:00 hrs**