



PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1

With Case(s):


Race:22

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Crosshaven (6683)	Div 2	Sean Rahilly
Whistling Kite (116)	Div 2	Kym Evans

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Gordon Wolff	Crosshaven

Valid – Yes

Case Introduction: <i>Protest hearing boat against boat RPEYC 2024-25 Wednesday Series. Contact between Crosshaven and Whistling Kite on approach to Leeward Mark WS</i>	
Procedural Matters: <i>(Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Protest Committee declared no conflicts of interest, which was accepted by the parties to the hearing.</i> <i>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.</i> 	
Facts found: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The wind strength was approximately 17-18 knots from a North East Direction</i> <i>The Yachts were approaching the WS mark (West of Shark Island) a Starboard rounding mark of the course</i> <i>Crosshaven and Whistling Kite were both sailing on a Port Gybe, Whistling Kite was overlapped to leeward of Crosshaven</i> <i>Whistling Kite commenced to harden up for the Bouy Rounding closing the gap between the boats</i> <i>Both Yachts were travelling at approximately 6 Knots</i> <i>Whistling Kite overlapped to leeward hailed Crosshaven for Buoy room</i> <i>A Collision occurred approximately 5 boat lengths from the WS mark</i> <i>Whistling Kite came into contact with the starboard stern quarter of Crosshaven</i> <i>Whistling Kite and Crosshaven retired from the Race</i> 	
Conclusion & Rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Crosshaven the Windward boat on the same tack was required to keep clear of Whistling Kite (rule 11)</i> <i>Whistling Kite the right of way boat is required to avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible (Rule 14)</i> 	
Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Crosshaven the Windward boat failed to keep clear of Whistling Kite as required under rule 11, as she retired from the race no further penalty maybe applied</i> <i>Whistling Kite with a clear overlap not in the zone failed to avoid a collision and therefore breached Rule 14, as Whistling Kite retired from the race no further penalty maybe applied</i> 	
Protest Committee: Greg Mason (Chair), Peter Cameron, Mike Logan	International Jury: No
Signed: 	Date, Tuesday 25 March 2025 time:19:00hrs