

# Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club

## PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No:1

Race: 20 Wednesday Series

### PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Katinka (B93)	Division 4	Paul O'Connell
Lindabel (2484)	Division 4	John Quick

### WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Ada Seno	Katinka

Valid – Yes

**Case Introduction:** Collision occurred between Katinka and Lindabel at the Shark Island Mark of the course during race 20 of the RPEYC Wednesday Series 04/03/2026

**Procedural Matters:** (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)

- The Protest Committee declared no conflicts of interest, which was accepted by the parties to the hearing.
- 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.

#### Facts found:

- Wind was from the northeast at 15 knots
- Katinka and Lindabel were approaching the shark island turning mark, both on a Port Gybe.
- An overlap was established with Lindabel to windward of Katinka, with the yachts travelling at approximately 4 knots
- Approximately 20 seconds before reaching the the shark island mark Lindabel gybed to starboard. The overlap was maintained with Lindabel to windward of Katinka
- On reaching the mark zone Katinka had an inside overlap on Lindabel
- Katinka within one boat length of the mark commenced to Gybe to starboard
- Lindabel on a starboard Gybe collided with the stern at the port quarter of Katinka
- Katinka called protest and continued racing
- Lindabel immediately in clear water completed a two-turn penalty and continued racing

#### Conclusion & Rules:

Lindabel was required to keep clear of Katinka at the mark as per RRS rule 18.2

#### Decision:

- Lindabel broke rule 18.2
- The damage from the collision to Katinka was not considered to be serious, Refer RRS Case 141
- Lindabel exonerated herself under RRS 44.1 by completing a two-turn penalty
- No further penalty can be applied to Lindabel

#### Protest Committee:

Greg Mason (Chair), Sean Kirkjian, Peter Cameron

International Jury: No

Signed:



Date & Time of Hearing: 11/03/2026 1800Hrs