

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club - Protest

Event: Club Marine Wednesday Spring Series – Race 7
Protestor: Ultimate Tune, represented by Tim Mussared
Protestees: Nirvanas Kitchen, represented by Leon Wilson and Kathleen Mary, represented by Juha Havukainen

Validity of the protest:

The Protest Committee considered the validity of the protest in accordance with RRS 61.1, 61.3 and 63.5 and declared it valid.

Facts found:

1. Ultimate Tune and Nirvanas Kitchen were sailing on starboard tack towards the finishing line.
2. Nirvanas Kitchen tacked onto port tack.
3. When Ultimate Tune realised Nirvanas Kitchen was not keeping clear she bore away to avoid contact.
4. Kathleen Mary was sailing on port tack.
5. When Ultimate Tune realised Kathleen Mary was not keeping clear she tacked onto port tack to avoid contact.
6. Kathleen Mary collided with Ultimate Tune and Ultimate Tune collided with Nirvanas Kitchen.
7. Ultimate Tune's helmsman fell overboard as a result of the impact and all three boats sustained damage.

Conclusion:

Nirvanas Kitchen and Kathleen Mary on port tack were required to keep clear of Ultimate Tune on starboard tack but failed to do so.

Rules that apply:

RRS 10 and 14.

Decision:

The protest is upheld, and Nirvanas Kitchen and Kathleen Mary are disqualified from the race.

Protest Committee:

Richard Hudson (Chair), Liz de Soyres and Chris Heraghty.

Date: 25 November 2020