

# PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1 With Case: 2 Race: 10 on 9 November 2024

### PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By	
Botany Access - Protestor	16ft Skiff	Gerard Smith	
Red Pumps - Protestee	16ft Skiff	Tyler Dransfield	

WITNESSES			
Name	Boat – Committee – Role		
Michael Childs	Botany Access		
Greg Windust	Red Pumps		
Ricky Bridge	Imagine Signage		
Video time stamp	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIUtGhfEv9g&ab_channel=Manly16sTV Time stamp 19:07 to 19:20		

## Valid – Case 1 Yes, Case 2 No

Protest time limit was 17:37.

Case 1 (Botany Access vs Red Pumps) was received at 17:33. Botany Access hailed "protest" at the time of incident. The protest is valid RRS 61.1(a).

Case 2 (Red Pumps vs Botany Access) was received at 17:44. Case 2 was protesting the same incident as in Case 1 as well as another incident a short time later. As Case 2 was submitted outside the protest time limit without a valid reason the protest is invalid and is dismissed. RRS 61.3.

# **Case Introduction:**

Incident between two boats just prior to the start of race 10 (Club Championship race 3).

**Procedural Matters**: (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits) Neither party had an objection to the jury members. No jury member had a conflict of interest.

#### Facts found:

- 1. Botany Access was approaching the start line slowly on starboard tack.
- 2. Red Pumps was reaching on starboard tack to windward of Botany Access.
- 3. Red Pumps bore away to pass behind Botany Access.
- 4. When Red Pumps was astern of Botany Access, Botany Access sailed above close hauled.
- 5. When close to the stern of Botany Access, Red Pumps luffed sharply and close to leeward of Botany Access.
- 6. Botany Access responded to the luff and heeled to weather.
- 7. While abeam of Botany Access, Red Pumps bore away.

# **Conclusion & Rules:**

When Red Pumps was reaching towards Botany Access, Red Pumps was required to keep clear RRS 11 which they did.

When Red Pumps luffed they had to comply with RRS 15 and RRS 16.1 which they did.

When Red Pumps luffed Botany Access responded by luffing and complied with RRS 11.

When Red Pumps bore away they had to comply with RRS 16.1 which they did.

#### Decision:

Neither boat broke a rule. Protest dismissed.



Request	to Withdraw:	Request Approved:	
	C <b>ommittee:</b> RJ (Chair), Michael McMahon, M	ark Bromelow, Josh Ponton	