DECISION
Protest

Event: RQYS 2020 Div Yacht Racing   Race Number: 4
Hearing Date: 2020-02-23

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Div 1 - 6333 - Georgia Express - Andrew Knights

Div 1 - RQ122 - Javelin - James Crowley

Request No.: 02: Div 1 - RQ122 - Javelin - James Crowley

Div 1 - 6333 - Georgia Express

Witnesses: Ben Green 6333; Paul King 6333; Tim Gepp AUS122

Interpreters: N/A

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: Yes

DECISION: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND
1. 15kt slight sea.
2. Approaching Mark X a windward mark 6333 tacked onto the starboard layline approx. 400m from mark.
3. RQ122 was approaching the mark on the port layline.
4. In the zone RQ122 on port crossed close ahead of 6333 and tacked onto starboard.
5. Before RQ122 came up to hull speed 6333 became overlapped to leeward of RQ122.
6. RQ122 stern sagged towards GE as they came up to hull speed.
7. 6333 altered course to avoid RQ122, there was contact between the port stern of RQ122 and starboard amidships of 6333.
8. 6333 damage was a hole in their starboard hull below the gunnel forward of amidships. RQ122 had damage to their port pushpit.
9. 6333 became entangled with the mark and retired from the race.
10. RQ122 finished the race.
11. No boat took penalty turns.

Diagram: Endorsed by Protest Committee

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY
1. After passing head to wind from port tack to starboard tack inside the zone, RQ122 failed to give mark-room to 6333, overlapped inside her, and broke RRS 18.3.
2. Rq122 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

DECISION
Date & Time: 2020-02-24 09:47 UTC

RQ122 is to be scored DSQ in Long Passage Race 4.

PROTEST COMMITTEE
Chaired By: Nev Willis (AUS)
Committee Members: Michael O'Neill (AUS), Mark Gallagher (AUS)

Written Decision Requested By: Both Parties