

CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA
2021-2022 WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT SERIES

Race No. 5

Pronto 7815 v Hector 6726
Hector 6726 v First Light 6666

Division C

Hearing at the CYCA on Thursday 11 November 2021 at 19:00 Hours.

Protest Committee: Steve Hatch, Tim Cox, David Jacobs and John Kirkjian

Pronto was represented by David Freeman

Hector was represented by Bertrand Philippe

First Light was represented by Peter White (attended by ZOOM)

FACTS FOUND

1. As both protests related to the same incident they were heard at the same time.
2. Wind was from the NE at a strength of 15-18 knots.
3. About twenty seconds prior to the starting signal Pronto was approaching the starting line to start close hauled on starboard tack with Hector also on starboard tack overlapped and 1-2 boat length to leeward,
4. First Light was clear astern of Hector, travelling faster, and on a collision with Hector. First Light attempted to overtake Hector to leeward and a collision occurred between the area forward of the mast of First Light and the aft port quarter of Hector causing damage.
5. As a result of the collision Hector was forced on to port tack and into contact with Pronto.
6. No boat carried out a penalty turn.

CONCLUSION

1. When First Light established an overlap to leeward of Hector, she failed to give Hector the room to keep clear as required by RRS 15.
2. First Light took no action to avoid Hector when it was reasonably possible to do so by bearing off as there was no other boat to leeward obstructing her.
3. Owing to the action of First Light it was not reasonably possible for Hector to avoid Pronto.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS: 14,15 & Definition of *Keep Clear*

DECISION

1. First Light is to be scored DSQ in race 5. for her breaches of RRS 14 & 15

John C. Kirkjian
Chairman