

Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
2022 CYCA Winter Score
Race 6 Divisions F & J2
Protest

Crosshaven 6683 v First Light 6666

Hearing at the CYCA Thursday 9 June 2022

Protest Committee: Steve Hatch, Karl Garavan & John Kirkjian

Crosshaven was represented by Sean Rahilly.

First Light was represented by Peter White

FACTS FOUND

1. Wind was from the North-West at 16/18 knots
2. The handicap starting time for both boats was 11:47 hours.
3. One minute prior to her starting time Crosshaven was approaching the starting line to start sailing close hauled on starboard tack clear ahead of First light.
4. Crosshaven's intended course was to pass close to the committee vessel
5. Crosshaven hailed "no room" to First Light who held her course
6. First Light travelling faster than Crosshaven established a closing windward overlap on Crosshaven
7. First Light luffed hard and a collision occurred between the aft port quarter of First Light and the aft starboard quarter of Crosshaven causing damage to both boats.
8. Neither boat carried out a penalty turn.

CONCLUSION

1. First light a windward boat failed to keep clear of Crosshaven a leeward boat.
2. Light a give way boat took no action to avoid contact with Crosshaven when it was reasonably possible.
3. Crosshaven was restrained from bearing away to avoid contact with First Light by boats immediately to leeward of her.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS 11 & 14

DECISION

1. First Light is to be scored DSQ in race 6

John Kirkjian
Chairman