

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

**RSYS Friday Twilight Series
SASC Friday Twilight Series**

**BEOWULF 1685 v SPARTACUS 8722
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Hearing at RSYS on Wednesday 16th November 2016

Protest Committee: Chris Harper, Marni Raprager & John Kirkjian

Beowulf was represented by: Stafford Watts

Spartacus was represented: Mark Van Kerkwyk

FACTS FOUND

1. As both protests relate to the same incident they were heard together with the consent of both parties.
2. There was a collision between the yachts that resulted in damage that was obvious to both boats and one of them intended to protest, the protest is declared valid in accordance with RRS 61.1 (a)(4)
3. Beowulf was sailing close hauled on starboard tack.
4. Spartacus was sailing close hauled on port tack.
5. Beowulf and Spartacus were sailing on a collision course.
6. Beowulf hailed "starboard" on at least three occasions.
7. Beowulf luffed in an attempt to avoid contact with Spartacus.
8. Spartacus held her course.
9. A collision occurred between the port side aft of the cabin of Beowulf and the bow of Spartacus.
10. Both boats retired from racing.

CONCLUSION

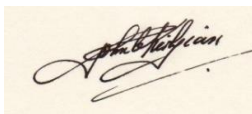
1. Spartacus as port tack boat failed to keep clear of Beowulf a starboard tack boat RRS 10.
2. Spartacus failed to avoid contact with Beowulf when it was reasonable possible RRS 14.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS 10, 14, 61.1(a)(4) WS Case 50 & 99

DECISION

1. As Spartacus retired from the race no further penalty can be applied.



John Kirkjian.
Chairman