

RSYS Etchells Milson Silver Goblets Series

Protest Hearing Decision

1442 v 1463

Race 1 28/Jan/2019

Date of Protest Hearing: 29/Jan/2019

Facts Found

1. 1442 and 1463 were on port tack the last leg to the finish.
2. 1442 was leeward. 1463 was windward.
3. 1442 was overlapped by ½ boat length and 2 boat lengths to leeward. The overlap had been established for more than 30 seconds.
4. 1442 altered course to windward to a converging course with 1463
5. 1463 did not alter course
6. 1442 altered course to avoid a collision with 1463 when it was clear that 1463 was not keeping clear.
7. Minor contact occurred.

Conclusion

As windward boat, 1463 was required to keep clear of 1442 as required by RRS 11. 1463 failed to do this and breached RRS 11.

1463 made no attempt to avoid 1442 and breached RRS 14.

1442 bore away to avoid 1463 and therefore met her obligations under RRS14.

Decision

1463 breached RRS 11 and RRS14 and is to be scored DSQ in Race 1

John Kirkjian
Chairman

Protest Committee: John Kirkjian, Steve Hatch, Howard Elliott