

#### PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTEST BY:	Pacific Sundance	REPRESENTED BY:	Bernard Hyde
PROTEST AGAINST:	Expatria	REPRESENTED BY:	Frans de Court (via Zoom)
SERIES:	Doyle Sails Wednesday Series	DIVISION:	Open B
RACE NO & DATE:	Race 7, 3 February 2021	HEARING DATE:	1900 11 February 2021

#### **VALIDITY/PROCEDURE:**

• The protest was valid and the hearing continued.

### **FACTS FOUND:**

- On a beat to windward, Pacific Sundance was on Starboard tack.
- Expatria on Port was on a contact course with Pacific Sundance.
- Expatria commenced tacking ¾ of a hull length away from Pacific Sundance.
- Pacific Sundance changed course by luffing.
- Expatria completed her tack approximately two metres to leeward of Pacific Sundance.
- If Pacific Sundance had not luffed, contact would have occurred between the boats.
- Expatria subsequently took a one-turn penalty.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY:**

- Expatria on Port failed to keep clear of Pacific Sundance on Starboard breaking RRS 10.
- Expatria did not complete a two-turn penalty as required by RRS 44.1.

## **DECISION:**

• Protest Upheld. Expatria is Disqualified.

# **PROTEST COMMITTEE PANEL:**

Louis Mayo (Chair), Sean Bainbridge, Peter Lavelle, James West Decision 1930 11 February 2021

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