



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	<i>Playbuoy 136</i>	REPRESENTED	Guy Pilkington
PROTESTEE	<i>Prince Hal 41</i>	REPRESENTED	Mark Bond
SERIES	Stewart 34 Championship	DIVISION	A
RACE & DATE:	Race 2 4/11/2019	HEARING DATE	18:00 11/11/2019

Validity/Procedure:

- The Protest was valid and the hearing continued

Facts Found:

- *Playbuoy* on starboard and *Prince Hal* on port converged on a close hauled beat to windward, breeze 10 to 15knts
- *Prince Hal* did not cross in front of *Playbuoy* and instead luffed past head to wind and tacked
- Before *Prince Hal* reached a close hauled course *Playbuoy* altered course to windward
- After *Prince Hal* completed her tack there was 1metre separation and *Playbuoy* was overlapped to windward
- If *Playbuoy* had not altered course, there would have been contact between *Playbuoy's* bow and *Prince Hal's* starboard quarter
- No penalty turns were taken

Conclusions And Rules That Apply:

- On a tack after passing head to wind and before being on a close hauled course *Prince Hal* failed to keep clear of *Playbuoy* as required by RRS 13.

Decision:

- *Prince Hal* DSQ

Protest Committee Panel:

Louis Mayo, Blair Park, Sean Bainbridge

Decision Advised:

18:50 11/11/2019