



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

# PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	<i>Psyche 4642</i>	REPRESENTED	Paul Groom
PROTESTEE	<i>Elliphunk 6855</i>	REPRESENTED	Steve Kennedy
SERIES	Rum Race Winter 19	DIVISION	E
RACE & DATE:	Race 7 16/08/2019	HEARING DATE	18:00 26/08/2019

## Validity/Procedure:

- The Protest was valid and the hearing continued

## Witnesses:

- *Psyche*: Dwayne McGorman
- *Elliphunk*: Rob Sutherland

## Facts Found:

- Both boats were sailing downwind, polled out, on Stbd gybe in light winds towards Torpedo Buoy
- *Elliphunk* established an overlap to windward with approximately 8m separation. *Psyche*, the leeward boat, hailed *Elliphunk* to come up
- *Psyche* luffed up. *Elliphunk* responded by coming up themselves and keeping clear. There was no contact. *Psyche* then bore away and *Elliphunk* followed
- *Psyche* hailed and luffed up a second time. This time there was contact between the boom of *Elliphunk*, which was not being pulled in, and the cabin top of *Psyche*.
- There was no damage. No penalty turns were taken

## Conclusions And Rules That Apply:

- *Elliphunk* as the windward boat failed to keep clear of *Psyche*, the ROW boat, and so broke RRS 11.

## Decision:

- *Elliphunk* DSQ

## Protest Committee Panel:

Blair Park, Don Grayson, Louis Mayo, Peter Lavelle,

## Decision Advised:

18:50 26/08/2019