

Middle Harbour Yacht Club
SYDNEY SHORT OCEAN CHAMPOINSHIPS 2018

Protest Hearing

Grace O'Malley/099 vs Supernova/6499

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Hearing at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club on 25th November 2018

Event; Race 4

Grace O'Malley, represented by; Matt Bassett

Justadash, represented by; Phil Dash

Supernova, represented by; Adam Mowser

There was damage that was obvious to all parties to the protest, therefore the protest committee proceeded to hear the protest in accordance Rule 61.1(a)(4).

FACTS FOUND

1. Initially before the starting signal there were four boats running the line on port tack, STORMAWAY who was to leeward of ASTRAL, ASTRAL was to leeward of JUSTADASH with GRACE O'MALLEY sailing to windward of, but clear astern, of JUSTADASH.
2. SUPERNOVA was running the line on starboard tack to windward and clear of GRACE O'MALLEY.
3. STORMAWAY slowly luffed up to head to wind, at the same time calling the boats to windward to go up. ASTRAL and JUSTADASH responded.
4. AT this stage SUPERNOVA had passed GRACE O'MALEY's stern.
5. GRACE O'MALLEY who had now established a windward overlap on JUSTADASH did not respond to JUSTADASH's hail to go up.
6. The other boats to leeward prevented JUSTADASH from pulling away.
7. A collision occurred between JUSTADASH's port side in the vicinity the shrouds and GRACE O'MALLEY's spinnaker pole which was on its bow causing damage to both boats.
8. There were no boats to windward of GRACE O'MALLEY at the time of the incident.
9. GRACE O'MALLEY did not start in race 4.

CONCLUSION

1. GRACE O'MALLEY being windward boat did not keep clear of JUSTADASH a leeward boat breaking rule 11.
2. JUSTADASH could not bear away to avoid the collision due to the boats to leeward.
3. SUPERNOVA did not break any rules.

RULES APPLICABLE

11, 14, 61.1(a)(4), 64.1(b).

DECISION

GRACE O'MALLEY did not start the race and therefore cannot be penalised.

Lister Hughes

Chairman

25th November 2018.

Protest Committee; Phil Clinton, Geoff Charters, Lister Hughes.