

CRUISING YACHT CLUB of AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 Income Asset Management Wednesday Twilight Series

Race No. 17 Division C

Knot a Clew SM 186 v Soindika 6497

Hearing at the CYCA on Thursday 14 March 2024 at 19:00 Hours.

Protest Committee: Erica Kirby, Timothy Cox, and John Kirkjian

Knot a Clew was represented by Robert Thew

Soindika was represented by Timothy Atkins

FACTS FOUND

1. Knot a Clew was sailing close hauled on starboard tack.
2. Soindika was sailing close hauled on port tack.
3. Knot a Clew and Soindika were sailing on a converging course.
4. Knot a Clew hauled starboard.
5. Soindika commenced to bear away to pass astern of Knot a Clew, however the mainsheet hand failed to release the main sheet causing Soindika to round up and a collision occurred between the bow of Soindika and the port mid-section of a Knot a Clew.
6. Knot a Clew suffered serious damage as a result of the collision and retired from the race.
7. Knot a Clew failed to conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity as required by RRS 61.1a.

CONCLUSION

1. Knot a Clew failed to comply with RRS 61.1a, however as she had suffered serious damage in the collision the protest committee declared the protest valid pursuant to RRS 61.1(a)(4)
2. Soindika a port tacking boat failed to keep clear of Knot a Clew a starboard tacking boat.
3. Soindika a give way boat failed to avoid contact with Knot a Clew a right of way boat.

RULES APPLICABLE

RRS: 10, 14 61.1a & 61.1(a)(4).

DECISION

1. Soindika is to be scored DSQ in Race 17 for her breaches of RRS 10 & 14

John C. Kirkjian
Chairman