

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Race: 3 - 10 May 2026

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Gusto	Sydney 38	Colin Gunn
Advanced Philosophy	Sydney 38	Peter Sorensen

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Grant Alderson	Gusto Tactician
Morgan White	Advanced Philosophy Jib Trimmer

Valid – Yes

Case Introduction:*Windward leeward incident***Procedural Matters:** (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)

Valid

Facts found:

1. The wind was 12-15 knots SE shifty and variable speed and softening as the boats became sheltered under South Head approaching Lady Bay mark.
2. Gusto and Advanced Philosophy were both on Port tack with Gusto Clear Ahead
3. Advanced Philosophy sailing faster established an overlap 1 boat length to windward of Gusto
4. The boats converged over 6-8 boat lengths until the boats came with 1 meter of each other and Gusto's crew pulled their legs inside the boat
5. A light collision occurred amidships with the boats bow to bow
6. After separating Advanced Philosophy tacked away
7. Once it was obvious to Gusto that Advanced Philosophy was not going to keep clear, it was not reasonably possible for Gusto to avoid contact

Conclusion & Rules:

Advanced Philosophy broke rules 11 and 14

Rules 11, 14

Decision:

Advanced Philosophy is to be scored DSQ in Race 3

Protest Committee:

Name Steve Hatch (Chair), Nicola Wakfield Evans, Chris Taylor

Signed: Steve Hatch

Date, time of Hearing: 14-05-2026 7-15pm