



Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2018

Hearing # 1

Decision of International Jury

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| Date of Hearing: | 29 December 2018 at 1300 |
| Date of Incident: | 26 December 2018 – 28 December 2018 |
| Protestor: | Race Committee Represented by David Jordan |
| Protestee: | Wild Oats XI Represented by Glenn Bourke and Stephen Quigley |
| Witness(es): | Nil. |
| Translator(s): | Not Applicable. |
| Validity: | Invalid |
| Facts Found: | <p><i>Facts on Validity</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Black Jack and Wild Oats XI both competed in the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2018 (the Race).2. Shortly after finishing, the owner of Black Jack submitted a report to the Race Committee alleging that Wild Oats XI's AIS "had not transmitted throughout" the Race.3. Prior to the report, the Race Committee had "no knowledge of an issue" with Wild Oats XI's AIS.4. As a result of receiving the report, the Race Committee conducted an investigation into AIS tracking records in respect of Wild Oats XI. The Race Committee obtained evidence from its own investigation that Wild Oats XI may have breached SI 11.4 and therefore submitted the protest. |
| Diagram: | Not Applicable. |
| Conclusions: | <p><i>Conclusion on Validity</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Race Committee's investigation and subsequent protest arose from the report from the owner of Black Jack, a competitor in the Race and therefore a person with a conflict of interest within the meaning of the RRS.2. The Race Committee's investigation was prudent, however in these circumstances, for the protest to be valid under the Racing Rules of Sailing, a competitor with information about a potential rule breach must lodge the protest. |
| Rules that Apply: | RRS60.2(a), Definitions - Conflict of Interest |
| Decision: | Protest Invalid |

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International Jury: Russell Green, Peter Scheuerl, Jamie Sutherland, David Tillett,
Rosemary Collins

**Chairman's
Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. Green".

Date and Time 29 December 2018 at 1400
Decision Advised:
