



Decision of Protest Committee

Protest Number:	1
Protest Heard With:	-
Date of Hearing:	04 03 2018
Event:	Sydney Harbour Regatta
Date of Incident:	03 March 2018
Race Number:	2
Boat Protesting:	XC35S
Representative	Peter Woodhead
Boat(s) Protested:	Hello Tiger
Representative:	Toby Bristow
Translator(s):	N/A
Validity:	Valid
Facts Found:	 Hello Tiger and Foreign Affair sailing downwind, Hello Tiger to leeward of Foreign Affair on a converging course. XC35S sailed into the diminishing gap between the two boats from clear astern. Foreign Affair luffed to keep clear and broached. Hello Tiger bore away, but contact occurred between XC35S's spinnaker and Hello Tiger's rigging causing damage to the spinnaker. Neither boats took a penalty. XC35S retired from the race.
Diagram:	N/A
Conclusions:	 XC35S did not keep clear of Hello Tiger. It was not reasonably possible for Hallo Tiger to avoid contact once it became apparent that XC35S was not keeping clear. XC35S did not give Foreign Affair room to keep clear in a seamanlike manner.
Rules that Apply:	61.1(a)(4), 11, 14, 15
Decision:	Because XC35S has retired, no further penalty.
Protest Committee:	Simon Barrington SJ NSW, Jeremey Atkinson NJ NSW, Erica Kirby NJ NSW and Rob Ware IJ VIC (chairman)

Chairman's Signature:

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Decision Advised: