




Decision of Protest Committee

Date of Hearing:	Thursday 2 April 2020 via Zoom
Series:	Stewart 34 Championship Series
Organising Authority:	RNZYS
Date of Incident:	Monday 16 March 2020
Race Number:	First race of day
Boat Protesting, or Requesting redress or Reopening:	Playbuoy
Boat(s) Protested:	Prince Hal
Representatives:	Protestor: Guy Pilkington Protestee: Mark Bond
Validity:	Protest or request valid, hearing continued
Facts Found:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conditions: 10-15 knots of wind.2. About two minutes prior to the starting signal, Prince Hal and Playbuoy were above the starting line on port tack reaching back towards the line.3. The boats were overlapped with Prince Hal approximately 1-2 boat lengths to leeward. The boats are on a converging course with Playbuoy sailing lower than Prince Hal and Prince Hal slowly changing course to windward. The boats remained overlapped for approximately 15-20 seconds.4. As the boats came together, Playbuoy luffed aggressively.5. Contact occurred between Prince Hal and Playbuoy's starboard quarter.6. Playbuoy then tacked onto starboard while Prince Hal bore away and gybed.7. Neither boat took a penalty turn.
Diagram:	None
Conclusions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Playbuoy, a windward boat, did not keep clear of Prince Hal to leeward, breaking RRS 11.2. Playbuoy did not avoid contact, breaking RRS 14.3. It was not reasonably possible for Prince Hal to avoid contact when it became clear that Playbuoy was not keeping clear. Prince Hal did not break RRS 14.
Rules that Apply:	RRS 11, RRS 14.
Decision:	Playbuoy is disqualified.
Protest Committee:	Louis Mayo NZL NJ, Reuben Corbett NZL CJ, Laurie Jury NZL CJ.
Chairman's Signature:	
Date and Time Decision Advised:	Friday 3 April 2020 at 1600

