



## Decision of Protest Committee

<b>Date of Hearing:</b>	Thursday 2 April 2020 via Zoom
<b>Series:</b>	Stewart 34 Championship Series
<b>Organising Authority:</b>	RNZYS
<b>Date of Incident:</b>	Monday 16 March 2020
<b>Race Number:</b>	Second race of day.
<b>Boat Protesting, or Requesting redress or Reopening:</b>	<b>Playbuoy</b>
<b>Boat(s) Protested:</b>	<b>Prince Hal</b>
<b>Representatives:</b>	Protestor: Guy Pilkington Protestee: Mark Bond
<b>Validity:</b>	Protest or request valid, hearing continued
<b>Facts Found:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approximately 2.5 – 3 minutes prior to the starting signal, Prince Hal and Playbuoy were to starboard of the starting line.</li><li>2. Playbuoy was on starboard tack, sailing towards the starting line, Prince Hal on port sailing away from the line.</li><li>3. When the boats were 8 boat lengths away from each other, Prince Hal, sailing an angle lower than a beam reach was aiming to leeward of Playbuoy who was sailing slightly higher than a beam reach.</li><li>4. Playbuoy bore away and Prince Hal responded by also bearing away to a broad reach.</li><li>5. Playbuoy then started bearing away again and Prince Hal responded by bearing away to a run.</li><li>6. When the boats were one boat length apart, Playbuoy was aiming at Prince Hal's primary winch (aft of the cabin).</li><li>7. Playbuoy then luffed sharply. Playbuoy passed approximately 4-5 metres astern of Prince Hal. There was no contact.</li><li>8. Neither boat did penalty turns.</li></ol>
<b>Diagram:</b>	None
<b>Conclusions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Playbuoy, a right of way boat changing course, gave room to Prince Hal as required by RRS 16.1.</li><li>2. Prince Hal, a port tack boat did not keep clear of Playbuoy, a starboard tack boat, breaking RRS 10. However, because she was sailing within the room she was entitled to under RRS 16.1, she is exonerated by RRS 21.</li><li>3. No other rules were broken.</li></ol>
<b>Rules that Apply:</b>	RRS 10, RRS 16.1, RRS 21.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Protest Dismissed</b>
<b>Protest Committee:</b>	Louis Mayo NZL NJ, Reuben Corbett NZL CJ, Laurie Jury NZL CJ.

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**Chairman's  
Signature:**

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**Date and Time  
Decision Advised:**

Friday 3 April 2020 at 1600 hours.

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