



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

PROTESTOR	<i>Wasabi (AUS88)</i>	REPRESENTED	Stephen Morison
PROTESTEE	<i>Bullistic (9612)</i>	REPRESENTED	Tony Poolman
SERIES	Winter Series	DIVISION	A
RACE & DATE:	Race 8, 20/8/22	HEARING DATE	1800 22/08/22

Validity/Procedure:

- The Protest was valid and the hearing continued

Facts Found:

- Breeze 12-15Kts on a beat to windward towards Saltworks buoy
- *Wasabi* (starboard) and *Bullistic* (port) were on a converging course. *Bullistic* could not cross ahead of *Wasabi* and began to tack, *Bullistic* luffed
- *Wasabi* helmsperson could see the mast of *Bullistic* in *front* of his forestay and believed contact would occur. *Wasabi* luffed to avoid contact
- *Bullistic* completed her tack. *Wasabi* returned to a close hauled course and was then overlapped 5m to windward
- There was reasonable doubt that *Bullistic* could cross ahead of *Wasabi* and *Wasabi* changed course to avoid. *Wasabi* was justified in taking avoiding action by luffing

Conclusions And Rules That Apply:

- *Bullistic*, a port tack boat failed to keep clear of *Wasabi* on starboard and broke RRS10

Decision:

- *Bullistic* is DSQ

Protest Committee Panel:

Louis Mayo, Blair Park, Sean Bainbridge

Decision Advised: 18:40, 22/8/22