

### PROTEST FORM – also for requests for redress and reopening

Fill in and tick as appropriate

1. EVENT <sup>RACE</sup> SATURDAY Aft Organizing authority SYC Date 25/11/17 Race no. 2

2. TYPE OF HEARING \* PETER TAYLOR HEAR 1
- |   |                          |   |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Protest by boat against boat              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Request for redress by boat or race committee       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Protest by race committee against boat    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consideration of redress by protest committee       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Protest by protest committee against boat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Request by boat or race committee to reopen hearing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          | Consideration of reopening by protest committee     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

3. BOAT PROTESTING, OR REQUESTING REDRESS OR REOPENING

Class DIVISION 2 Sail no. S<sup>m</sup>50 Boat's name HORIZON SPRINT  
AND OTHERS

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4. BOAT(S) PROTESTED OR BEING CONSIDERED FOR REDRESS

Class DIVISION 2 Sail no. S<sup>m</sup>50 Boat's name HORIZON SPRINT  
AND OTHERS - SEE ATTACHED

5. INCIDENT

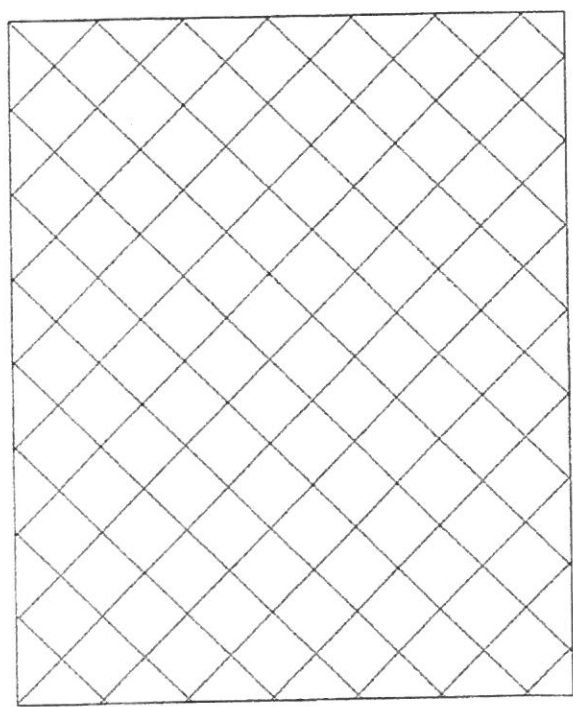
Time and place of incident MARK 4 - SHORT COURSE

Rules alleged to have been broken 62-1A Witnesses .....

6. INFORMING PROTESTEE How did you inform the protestee of your intention to protest?
- |                                    |                                     |  |                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| By hailing                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | When? .....  | Word(s) used ..... |
| By displaying a red flag           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | When? .....  |                    |
| By informing her in some other way | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Give details <u>CONTACTING COO WHEN REDRESS</u><br><u>RESULTS WERE GIVEN</u> |                    |

7. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (use another sheet if necessary)

Diagram: one square = hull length; show positions of boats, wind and current directions, marks.



— SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

ON BEHALF OF -

ALIBI - S<sup>m</sup>178

HORIZON SPRINT - S<sup>m</sup>50

X-PRESSO - S<sup>m</sup>6737

DARK ENERGY - S<sup>m</sup>980

ALCHEMIST - S<sup>m</sup>311

On approaching Mark 4, "Doesn't Matter – Sm1010" had purposely position their approach significantly east of the course to the mark. (Presumably to avoid the congestion of yachts gathering at the mark in the very light wind and adverse current)

When the committee vessel was positioned in the appropriate position and proceeded with the shorten course sound and flag signals "Doesn't Matter" having sailed very wide of the mark was stranded, in the near zero wind and being swept, in an adverse current past the Mark and Finishing Line. It was apparent that if the race hadn't been shortened, "Doesn't Matter Sm1010" would have been left well back in the fleet with little or no opportunity of improving her position.

For the Race Committee to make a decision that "Sm 1010 was disadvantaged through no fault of their own" is incorrect and penalises other yachts that sailed a course to the mark.

Furthermore, to award a finishing time 22 minutes before a yacht completes the course seriously penalizes the other yachts that prudently sailed a proper course.

It is requested that the race committee's decision should be over turned and the finishing times and placings be as the boats finished.

For and nn behalf of yachts ...

Alibi Sm178

Horizon Sprint Sm50

Xpresso Sm6737

Dark Energy Sm980

Alchemist Sm311

*Yacht Alchemist*

# SYC

## Decision of Protest Committee

**Protest Number:** 01 **Heard With:**

**Date of Hearing:** 12/12/17

**Event:** Saturday Aggregate **Race Number:** 2

**Date of Incident:** 25/11/17

**Boat Contesting:** SM1010 **Represented by:** Grant Allen

**Boat(s) Protested/Redress:** Sm1010 **Represented by:** James Sly

**Witnesses**

**Translator(s):** n/a

**Validity:** Protest is valid

**Facts Found:**

1. Mark 4 (preceding mark), Doesn't matter was leading the race
2. A large group of division one and some division two boats were approaching the downwind mark
3. The race committee manoeuvred to be on station to shorten the course as doesn't matter was to leeward by 40m of the committee boat.
4. Shortly after, the committee boat signalled a shortened course for division 2 boats.
5. Doesn't Matter was to leeward of the committee boat and leeward/finishing mark at the time that the shortened course was signalled.
6. Doesn't matter altered course 180 degrees to sail back towards the stern of the committee boat in an attempt to finish.
7. Due to a lack of breeze and the presence of current Doesn't Matter took 22 minutes to cross the finish line.
8. Shortened course was signalled at 15:32:00

**Diagram:**

**Conclusions:**

1. The decision by the race committee to signal the shortened course when they did made SM1010's place in the race significantly worse through no fault of her own.

**Rules that Apply:**

1. 62.1a

**Decision:** Award SM1010 a finishing time of the time of the signalling of the shortened course.

**Protest Committee:** Darren Eger (Chairman), Andrew Merrett, Jack Fullerton.

**Chairman's Signature:** Darren Eger

**Decision Advised:** 12/12/2017

