



Decision of Protest Committee

Protest Number:	01
Protest Heard With:	
Date of Hearing:	03 March 2019
Class / Division:	Performance Spinnaker Div 2
Date of Incident:	02 March 2019
Race Number:	1
Boat Protesting:	63344 KOKO
Representative	David Leslie Witness Daniela Birchell
Boat(s) Protested:	USA 148 Blue Sky
Representative:	Carl Braden Witness: David Landers
Validity:	Valid
Facts Found:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Race 1 was sailed in wind NE 10-15 kts2. KOKO was approaching the EC mark, to be left to starboard, running downwind on port tack.3. BLUE SKY was approaching the EC mark sailing more than 90 degrees from the true wind on starboard tack.4. Although on widely different courses, the boats had been overlapped for some considerable time before KOKO reached the zone.5. KOKO reached the zone and hailed BLUE SKY for mark-room.6. BLUE SKY continued to sail close to the mark, leaving no space for KOKO to pass between her and the mark7. KOKO changed course to avoid contact with BLUE SKY and touched the mark.
Diagram:	See below
Conclusions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. BLUE SKY overlapped outside KOKO when the first of them reached the zone did not give KOKO mark-room. BLUE SKY broke rule 18.2(b).2. KOKO touched the EC mark. KOKO broke rule 31.3. KOKO, sailing within the mark-room to which she was entitled shall be exonerated for breaking rule 31 in accordance with rule 21(b).
Rules that Apply:	Definitions, Clear Ahead, Clear Astern, Overlap, rule 18.2(b), 21(b), 31.
Decision:	BLUE SKY is disqualified in race 1.
Protest Committee:	Simon Barrington NJ NSW, John Allan NJ NSW, Erica Kirby NJ NSW and Rob Ware IJ VIC (chairman)



— 2019 —
**SYDNEY
HARBOUR**
REGATTA

Chairman's Signature:

Decision Advised:

