

# SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA 2024

## PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 4

With Case(s):

Race: 3

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Bushranger		Michael Fountain
Xs-Moment		Chris Zonca

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Clare Costanzo	Bushranger
Ray Hudson	Xs-Moment

Valid – Yes/No (if 'No' use Facts Found to document this decision)

### Case Introduction:

A boat to boat incident at the bottom gate marks.

**Procedural Matters:** (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)

### Facts found:

1. Wind approximately 15-20 knots, sea-state choppy.
2. Gate marks were approximately 6-8 boat lengths apart.
3. Bushranger and Xs-Moment, both on port, overlapped, approaching the port gate mark, with Xs-Moment closer to the mark.
4. Bushranger gybed to give Xs-Moment room at the mark.
5. Xs-Moment gybed after Bushranger and was then clear astern of Bushranger before entering the zone of the starboard gate mark.
6. Xs-Moment sailed faster than Bushranger and created a close overlap to windward of Bushranger, boats sailing on a converging course.
7. Xs-Moment's bowsprit contacted with the windward quarter of Bushranger, causing damage to Bushranger.
8. Neither boats retired.
9. Neither boats took a penalty turn.

### Conclusion & Rules:

1. Xs-Moment to windward failed to keep clear of Y to leeward, and broke RRS 11.
2. Xs-Moment did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.

### Decision:

Xs-Moment to be scored DSQ in race3.

### Protest Committee:

Name Erica Kirby NJ (Chair), Kerry Burke RJ, Penny Dilworth RJ, Rob Armstrong, John Crawford

International Jury: No

### Signed:

Date, time:

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