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PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 4

Races: 5 & 6

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
First Light	Open Class 1	James Wilkie
Race Committee		David Staley

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role

Valid – Yes

<p>Case Introduction:</p> <p><i>Boat tangled in mark on rounding.</i></p>
<p>Procedural Matters: <i>(Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)</i></p>
<p>Facts found:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The mark had previously been used in the sound and had 30 metres of line.2. The mark was shortened 10 metres and laid in 7 metres of water.3. First Light rounded the mark from a boat width away, and once past the mark, noticed that they had caught the line around their keel.4. The race committee noticed the mark moving and the mark boat showed code flag M and the rest of the fleet rounded the mark boat.5. It took First Light 5 minutes to remove the line from the keel.6. Shortly after the start of race 6, First Light noticed excessive vibration and retired from the race.7. On returning the marina, they identified damage to the leading edge of the keel.
<p>Conclusion & Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First Light's races 5 and 6 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an improper action or improper omission of the race committee.

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Decision:

Redress is given to First Light for races 5 and 6.

First Light is to be scored 5 minutes less than their elapsed time in race 5.

First Light is to be scored in race 6 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in race 1-4. No other boat's score shall change.

Request to Withdraw:

Request Approved:

Protest Committee:

Name Erica Kirby NJ, Nicole Dougass RJ, Steven Iles RJ