

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1

Race: 8

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Khaleesi		Andrew Forbes
Like Oxygen		Andrew York

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Neal Farquharson	Skipper of Khaleesi
Mark Muirhead	Crew of Like Oxygen

Valid – Yes

<p>Case Introduction: A boat on boat incident approaching the finish line.</p>
<p>Procedural Matters: Kerry Burke declared that he has sailed on Khaleesi in the past – no objection was made by either party (RRS 63.3(b)).</p>
<p>Facts found:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wind 10 knots and calm seas. 2. Like Oxygen on port, Khaleesi on starboard, both boats sailing upwind. 3. At 4 boat lengths apart, Khaleesi believed they were on a collision course with Like Oxygen and hailed Like Oxygen to keep clear. 4. At 1-2 boat lengths apart, Khaleesi bore away to pass behind Like Oxygen. 5. Khaleesi past about 4 metres behind Like Oxygen. 6. Like Oxygen did not change course. 7. Neither boats took a penalty turn.
<p>Conclusion & Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was reasonable doubt that Like Oxygen could have crossed, if Khaleesi had not taken avoiding action (see WS Case 50 from RRS 2020-2024). Like Oxygen on port tack failed to keep clear of Khaleesi on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
<p>Decision:</p> <p>Like Oxygen is DSQ in race 8.</p>
<p>Protest Committee: Name Simon Barrington (Chair), Kerry Burke, Erica Kirby</p>