

# Protest Plum Crazy vs Tensixty 20241013

Hearing: 16:00 Thursday 17 October 2024 at MHYC

## Parties

- Jim Nixon - Plum Crazy
- Mark Stacy - Tensixty

## Protest Committee

- Gregory Wilkins
- Simon Barrington
- Rob Armstrong

## Validity of Protest

- Interested party objections?
  - No objections
- Written protest received within the time limit?
  - Protest received: 15:14 on Sunday the 13th October 2024 via email. Last finish was 14:45.
- 'Protest' hailed or not required?
  - Yes hailed immediately
- Red flag displayed or not required?
  - Displayed at first reasonable opportunity

Valid protest!

## Facts Found

- Plum Crazy sailing on starboard
- Tensixty sailing on port
- Both boats windward in 10-15kn
- Tensixty attempted to pass behind and to leeward of Plum Crazy
- Plum Crazy hailed "starboard" on more than one occasion, but were unable to avoid contact once they realised that Tensixty was unable to keep clear.
- Tensixty was unable to bear away sufficiently and collided with plum crazy on the rear port quarter, causing significant damage (hull penetration) and injury (right elbow of Plum Crazy helm)
- Both Plum Crazy and Tensixty retired

## Conclusion

- Tensixty on port failed to keep clear of Plum Crazy on Starboard, breaking rule 10
- Tensixty failed to avoid contact with Plum Crazy, breaking rule 14
- It was not reasonably possible for Plum Crazy to avoid contact with Tensixty, thus they did not break rule 14.

## Decision

- The protest is upheld.
- Tensixty retired from the race, as required by 44.1(b). No further penalty