

**PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Case No: 1**

**Race: 4**

<b>PARTIES</b>		
<b>Boat or Committee or Person</b>	<b>Class/Fleet</b>	<b>Represented By/Not Present</b>
Sassy	Division 4	Lyn Evans
Raison Detre	Division 4	Trevor Valaire

<b>WITNESSES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Boat – Committee - Role</b>
Julian Valaire	Crew on Raison Detre
Greg Hancock	Crew on Raison Detre (written statement)
David Myers	Crew on Raison Detre (written statement)

**Valid – Yes**

<p><b>Case Introduction:</b></p> <p>A boat on boat incident just before the start.</p>
<p><b>Procedural Matters:</b></p> <p>Erica Kirby declared that she had raced in race 4 in division 4 on Waterlily. Waterlily is new in division 4 and did not race in the first 3 races of the series. Waterlily place last in the race. In the Pre-Christmas Twilight Series, Waterlily placed last in division 3.</p> <p>Both parties consented to Erica Kirby being a member of the protest committee as per RRS 63.3(c)(1).</p>
<p><b>Facts found:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wind 20-25 knots and seastate choppy.</li> <li>2. At approximately 1 minute to the start, Sassy on starboard, Raison Detre on port, boats sailing upwind on a collision course approaching the start.</li> <li>3. Raison Detre tacked onto starboard about half a boat length ahead of Sassy.</li> <li>4. After Raison Detre completed her tack, Sassy luffed hard to avoid a collision.</li> <li>5. Neither boats took a penalty turn.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Conclusion &amp; Rules:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When acquiring right of way through her own actions, Raison Detre failed to initially give Sassy room to keep clear, and broke RRS 15.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>Raison is DSQ in race 4.</p>
<p><b>Protest Committee:</b></p> <p>Name Erica Kirby (Chair), Doug Russell, Chris Price.</p>