West Harbour Spring Series 2026-2027

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION Case No: 1 Race: 1

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	**Class/Fleet**	**Represented By/Not Present**
Avalon (Sydney 38)	Division 1	Geoff Ford
Another Planet (Sydney 36CR)	Division 1	Pat Nash

WITNESSES	
Name	**Boat – Committee - Role**
Doug Russell	Avalon – Mainsheet trimmer
Simon Oliver	Odyssey – Helm
Rowan Dickson	Another Planet – Mainsheet trimmer.

Valid – Yes

Case Introduction:
Windward/leeward incident at the start.

Procedural Matters:
Nil

Facts found:

1. Wind approximately 15kts knots.
2. Approximately 15s prior to the start, Avalon was close hauled on starboard tack approaching the start line to start.
3. Odyssey was close hauled on starboard tack approaching the line to start. Odyssey was approximately 1.5 boatlengths to windward and 2-3 boatlengths ahead of Avalon.
4. Another Planet was to windward of Avalon and Odyssey and on starboard reaching down the start line on a converging course with Avalon and Odyssey.
5. Just prior to the start signal, Odyssey passed astern of Another Planet and started.
6. Another Planet continued reaching down the start line on a converging course with Avalon.
7. When the boats were within 2 boat lengths, Avalon hailed Another Planet.
8. Another Planet did not alter course.
9. Avalon bore away to avoid Another Planet to a parallel course and to leeward of Another Planet.
10. At this point the boats were less than 0.5 boat lengths apart.
11. When Another Planet altered course to windward to cross the start line, Avalon luffed and passed astern of Another Planet. The separation was less than 0.5 boat lengths.
12. At the start signal Avalon was 5-7 boat lengths to leeward of Odyssey.
13. Some time after the start Another Planet was identified by the RC as OCS and returned to the start line to start.
14. Neither boat did a penalty turn.

Conclusion & Rules:

1. Another Planet to windward failed to keep clear of Avalon to leeward, and broke RRS 11.

Decision:
Another Planet is scored DSQ in race 2.

Request to Withdraw:	**Request Approved:**

Protest Committee:
Howard Elliott IJ, Lyn Evans, Ben Millar.
October 21, 2026 19:30