

## Balmain Sailing Club – Friday Afternoon Series 2

### PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1

Race: 6 (12 May 2023)

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Krakatini		Lindsay Fletcher
Airspeed		Linda Bell

Valid – Yes

**Case Introduction:** Room at a continuing obstruction.

**Procedural Matters:**

- Jury member John Blair raced in the race, placing 4<sup>th</sup> – he was a casual entry and so would have no placing in the series result.
- Jury member Simon Oliver raced in the race, however was scored OCS.
- Both conflicts were declared at the start of the hearing and both parties consented to their being members of the protest committee (RRS 63.4(b)(1)).

**Facts found:**

1. Winds were approximately 8-10 knots and from the east.
2. Spectacle Island was a mark of the course, to be passed to port.
3. Krakatini and Airspeed reaching towards the north-western point of Spectacle Island, both on starboard. Airspeed to windward and just clear astern of Krakatini and travelling faster and closer to the island.
4. Krakatini hardened up to pass close to the point of the island, creating an overlap with Airspeed.
5. When the overlap was established, there was approximately 1 boat length between the point and Krakatini, with Airspeed between Krakatini and the point.
6. Krakatini continued to sail close the point and needed to bear away to give Airspeed room to pass the point.

**Conclusion & Rules:**

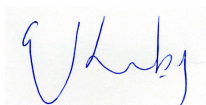
1. Spectacle Island as a mark of the course is also a continuing obstruction.
2. When Airspeed became overlapped with Krakatini, there was room between the point and Krakatini for Airspeed to pass between them (RRS 19.2(c)).

**Decision:**

No rules broken.

**Protest Committee:**

Name Erica Kirby NJ (Chair), John Blair, Simon Oliver



**Signed:**

Date: 24 May 2023