

PARTIES		
Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Odyssey		Simon Oliver
Another Planet		Rowan Dickson

WITNESSES	
Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Neil Hamilton	On shore viewing with binoculars
Avalon	Geoff (helm)
Odyssey	Simon Zadow (sheethand)
Another Planet	Pat Nash (helm)
Another Planet	Greg Daven (main sheethand)

Valid – Yes

<p>Case Introduction: <i>A three-boat incident at the obstruction</i></p>
<p>Procedural Matters:</p>
<p>Facts found:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wind 8-10 knots, calm seas. 2. Avalon, Odyssey and Another Planet overlapped on starboard sailing upwind along Cockatoo Island with Avalon inside Odyssey and Another Planet on the outside. 3. Avalon and Odyssey about half a boat length apart. 4. Odyssey and Another Planet about a boat length apart. 5. Avalon and Odyssey were sailing towards a pier jutting out from the island and would not be able to pass on their current tack. 6. Avalon hailed Odyssey for room to tack and Odyssey hailed Another Planet. 7. Odyssey said “we’ve had the call from Avalon, we have to tack now”. 8. Another Planet said “you can tack but go behind” and held their course. 9. Odyssey commenced tacking onto port and Avalon also started tacking. 10. Odyssey did not complete their tack and stopped head to wind to avoid contact with Another Planet and Avalon. 11. Avalon and Odyssey, having gained enough height to pass the pier, continued racing. 12. No contact occurred. 13. No boats took a penalty turn.
<p>Conclusion & Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conditions of RRS 20.1 for a hail for room to tack were not met and the obligations of RRS20.2 did not apply. Another Planet did not break RRS 20.2. 2. After passing head to wind and before being on a close-hauled course, Odyssey kept clear of Another Planet in accordance with RRS 13.
<p>Decision: Protest dismissed.</p>
<p>Protest Committee: Name: Erica Kirby, Ray Miller, Chris Price</p>