

# DECISION

Request Number: 20

Protest

Event: 2018 Etchells World Championships Race Number: 9

Hearing Date: 2018-10-27

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** ETCHELLS - AUS 1292 - AUS1463 - Matthew Ramaley

**Respondent(s):** ETCHELLS - AUS 1215 - Bait N Switch - Jake Lilley

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Beyond with Good Reason

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## FACTS FOUND

1. On Race 9 on leg 3 at Mark 1, the wind speed was averaging about 10 knots, the sea-state was sloppy and the current was approximately 90 degrees to the starboard tack layline.
2. AUS 1215 was approaching from above the port tack layline towards a windward mark to be left to port.
3. AUS 1292 was approaching from above the starboard tack layline.
4. AUS 1026 was clear ahead and to leeward of AUS 1292.
5. AUS 1215 tacked onto starboard at the mark and to leeward of AUS 1026.
6. AUS 1292 luffed to avoid AUS 1026 but not above close-hauled.
7. There was no contact and no penalty were taken.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed - Started: 1820h, Finished: 1940h

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

After passing head to wind from port tack to starboard tack inside the zone, AUS 1215 did not cause AUS 1292 on starboard tack to sail above close-hauled to avoid contact, and therefore did not break RRS 18.3.

## DECISION

Protest dismissed.

**Date & Time:** 2018-10-27 20:21 AEST

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Philippe Mazard (FRA)

**Committee Members:** Jerrold Ng (SGP), Patricia Stadel (USA), Rosemary Collins (AUS), David Tallis (AUS)

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