

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

PROTEST HEARING

Heard at: SASC, 20.00, Tuesday 25 September, 2012
Protestor: Bob Dempsey, *Rapid Transit 2608* (SASC)
Protestee: **Did not attend hearing:** Ian Lacey, *Manhattan Transfer 59* (RSYS)
Event: 22 September 2012: SASC Super 30 Series, RSYS Division 4

Protest is valid.

Facts found:

1. Rapid Transit (RT) was sailing on starboard.
2. Manhattan Transfer (MT) was sailing on port.
3. RT first noticed MT on a collision course when MT was approximately 3m away.
4. MT collided with RT amidships, causing considerable damage to RT.
5. The boats were tangled together for approximately 30-60 seconds.
6. After dropping their sails, securing the boat and inspecting the damage, RT found that MT had left the area without rendering assistance, or further discussion.
7. MT continued their race, and was noted as a finisher.
8. RT retired from their race.
9. On Monday 24 September, MT retired after finishing.
10. MT acknowledged in writing breaking the Rules.

Conclusions:

1. MT did not keep a proper lookout, and broke Rule 10 and Rule 14.
2. RT did not keep a proper lookout, and broke Rule 14.

Applicable rules: Rule 10, Rule 14.

Decision: Protest upheld.

Both boats having retired from their races, no further penalty is applicable. No redress awarded to Rapid Transit.

Protest Committee: Marni Raprager (Chair, SASC); Robert Evans (SASC); Peter McCorquodale (SASC); Liam Timms (SASC).

Date: 25 September 2012