

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

**PROTEST HEARING**

Heard at: SASC, 19.30, Thursday 19 January 2016  
Protestor: Richard Palfreyman – *Spinaway* (SASC)  
Protestee: Peter Thornton – *Taylor Maid* (SASC)  
Event: SASC Friday Twilight, Race 11, Friday 15 January 2016.

**Protest is Valid**

**Facts**

1. *Spinaway* was sailing on starboard, parallel to the line approximately 30 seconds before the start.
2. *Taylor Maid* was sailing on port.
3. *Spinaway* hailed *Taylor Maid*.
4. *Spinaway* bore away to port.
5. *Taylor Maid* bore away to to starboard.
6. A collision occurred, and *Taylor Maid*'s bow pierced the hull of *Spinaway* on the starboard side, approximately midships, causing major damage.
7. Both boats retired from racing.

**Applicable Rules:** Rule 10 Port and Starboard, Rule 14 Avoiding contact.

**Decision**

Protest upheld.

Taylor Maid broke Rules 10 and 14.

Having retired, no further penalties apply.

Marni Raprager

Chair

**Protest Committee:** Marni Raprager, Robert Evans, Bill Hogan.