# SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

# PROTEST

Heard at:	SASC, Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7:00 pm
Protestor:	Bill Thompson - <i>Ronja</i> (SASC)
Protestee:	Belinda Tayler – Woodwind (SASC) (via telephone)
Event:	SASC Sunday Classics Race 1 – Sunday 29th September

## **Protest is Valid**

## Facts found:

Wind was NE around 12 knots

Ronja was on starboard tack.

Woodwind was on starboard tack two boat lengths to leeward and slightly ahead.

Both yachts were on a course towards Bradleys Head.

A power boat travelled between the two yachts causing a distraction.

*Woodwind* was running out of water, so tacked onto port, believing she would pass behind *Ronja*.

A collision occurred, Ronja was dismasted and Woodwind was damaged.

Both yachts retired from the race.

## Applicable rules:

# RRS Rule 10.

## Decision:

Woodwind broke Rule 10 but as she retired not further action will be taken.

Chair: Peter McCorquodale

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Protest Committee: Peter McCorquodale, John Sturrock.