

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

REQUEST FOR REDRESS

Heard at: By phone, Monday 23rd March 2020.

Protestor: Adam Turk – *Very Tasty*

Event: SASC Super 30 Gold Cup Race 16,
Super 30 Windward/Leeward Series Race 6 – 7th March 2020

Request for redress is Valid

Facts found:

While competing in Race 16 of the Super 30 Gold Cup on 7th March 2020, *Very Tasty* was involved in the rescue of a MOB of a competitor from a different fleet, resulting in her subsequent retirement from that race.

On the second beat *Very Tasty* was leading the S30 fleet on the water approx. 1/2 - 2/3 way up the beat in approximately 25 knots of breeze when they became aware of a yacht in trouble – it had its spinnaker wrapped at the top of their mast, was heeling over and were trying to motor to windward. They were approximately 300m away and between *Very Tasty* and the two Melges 32s behind and slightly to leeward.

Very Tasty noticed a man-overboard with a life ring near him. On seeing the yacht turn downwind it became clear the life ring was still attached to the yacht. *Very Tasty* identified that the MOB was in trouble and that the Melges 32s had likely not seen him even though they were significantly closer to the incident by now.

Very Tasty turned onto a reach to the MOB and stopped next to him. It took three large crew members to pull him onto *Very Tasty*. They later found out his name was Tony Ingles(?) and he was the bowman and that they had crash gybed. He was in some shock as initially he couldn't give his name, name of the yacht he was on, his skippers name or his phone number.

Very Tasty dropped their jib and sailed downwind to the committee boat where they informed them by VHF of their retirement, and they sent a support boat to collect the MOB.

From *Very Tasty* turning around to reach to the MOB until their retirement by informing the Race Committee probably took 20 mins by which time some of our fleet had started to finish.

Applicable rules:

RRS Rule 1.1, 60.1 (b), 62.1 (c).

Decision:

Very Tasty is to be scored points for 1st place for Gold Cup Race 16 and for Windward/Leeward Series Race 6. No other yacht's scores are to be changed.

Protest Result

Chair: Peter McCorquodale
Date: 23rd March 2020
Protest Committee: Peter McCorquodale, John Sturrock, Robert Evans.

The Committee would like to commend the crew of *Very Tasty* for their outstanding seamanship.