

# PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No:

With Case(s):

Race:

HBYC Steampacket Hotel Thursday Female Helm Pursuit – Race 5 – 27 February 2025

## PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
Escapade		Edel Doyle
Avanti		Helena Davis

## WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Emma Wilson	Avanti
Bernie Cronin	Avanti
Dave Whyte	Avanti

Valid – Yes (if 'No' use Facts Found to document this decision)

### Case Introduction:

Boat on boat incident near the windward mark.

### Procedural Matters: (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits, etc.)

MA & DG declared conflicts of interest due to having crewed on a boat for some races in the series.

Both parties informed of conflict and agreed to all members of the committee.

### Facts found:

1. The wind was approximately 15-17 knots from the south.
2. Escapade was sailing on port tack on a beat to windward, towards V mark.
3. Avanti, having rounded V mark, was sailing on port gybe downwind towards R4.
4. Approximately 3 boat lengths to windward of Escapade, Avanti gybed onto starboard.
5. Avanti passed astern of Escapade, then bore away to a course towards R4.

### Conclusions & Rules:

- A. Avanti as windward boat kept clear of Escapade as required by rule 11.
- B. After gybing, Avanti initially gave Escapade room to keep clear as required by rule 15.
- C. No boat broke a rule.

### Decision:

Protest is dismissed.

### Request to Withdraw:

### Request Approved:

### Protest Committee:

International Jury: No

Michael Arnold NJ (Chair), David Gaylor, Gary Marks

### Signed:

Date, time: