

# ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE 2017

**Protest No:** 1

**Protest:** Maxi 12358 "LVD Comanche" represented by James Spithill  
vs.  
Maxi 10001 "Wild Oats XI" represented by Mark Richards

Protest is valid.

**Witnesses:** James Cooney (LDV Comanche, crew) video.  
Ian Burns (Wild Oats XI) video  
Jim Cooney (LDV Comanche, owner)  
Stan Honey (LDV Comanche, crew - navigator) navigation data.  
Ian Murray (Wild Oats XI, crew - tactician)

## **FACTS FOUND:**

Both boats were on a beat to windward between Mark V and Mark Z, in light wind and a confused sea state.

LDV Comanche tacked onto starboard and was on starboard for approximately 45 seconds.

Wild Oats XI was on port on a collision course.

Both boats were doing approximately 9 knots of boat speed.

LDV Comanche did not make any discernible change of course while on starboard.

When the boats were approximately 2 boat lengths apart, Wild Oats XI started to tack onto starboard.

LDV Comanche luffed to avoid a collision **before** Wild Oats XI completed her tack.

There was no contact.

Neither boat took a two turn penalty.

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY:**

Wild Oats XI on port **had to keep clear** of LDV Comanche, RRS 10.

Wild Oats XI **failed** to keep clear while tacking, RRS 13.

LDV Comanche luffed to avoid a collision as required by RRS 14.

Wild Oats XI did not comply with SI 20.1 (a) to do a two turn penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 occurring prior to clearing Mark Z.

## **DECISION:**

Wild Oats XI is, in lieu of a disqualification, penalised a time penalty of 1 hour to be added to her elapsed time in accordance to **SI 20.1(b) and 22.1**

## **International Jury:**

John Rountree (Chairman IJ NZL), Erica Kirby (NJ AUS), Jonathon Rees (NJ AUS), Peter Scheuerl (IJ GER), Jamie Sutherland (IJ NZL)

Signed:

**John Rountree – Chairman**

**Date:**