

# DECISION

Request No.: 03

## Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2025 Cock of the Bay Race Number: 1

Hearing Schedule: 2026-01-17 11:00

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 03: Sm178 - Alibi - Dennis Hambleton

Sm6 - Stampede - Christopher Gendala

Witnesses: Phil Strong for Alibi

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. No objections to PC members.
2. Phil Strong attended the hearing as a witness for Alibi.
3. Sm 178 - Alibi was represented by Dennis Hambleton
4. Sm 6 did not come to the hearing, as they had retired from the race.
5. The protest was valid.

### FACTS FOUND

1. Having been provided a copy of the hearing request and before the hearing, Sm 6 advised that they retired from the race.
2. Before the hearing, Sm178 advised that they wished to withdraw the redress part of their hearing request.
3. Sm 178 hearing request described Sm178 on starboard, a converging course with Sm 6 on port.
4. As the boats converged, Sm 178 hailed Sm 6 to keep clear.
5. Sm178 on starboard altered course to avoid contact with Sm 6 on port.
6. There was no contact, damage or injury.
7. No boat took a penalty.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed - No diagram provided.

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** Basic Principles, 10, 60.5(c)(2), 63.2(a).

1. Sm 6 had retired as allowed by RRS Basic Principles.
2. Sm 6 had already taken an applicable penalty and shall not be penalised further, RRS 60.5(c)(2).
3. Sm 6 on port failed to keep clear of Sm 178 on starboard and broke RRS 10.
4. Sm178 may request to withdraw the redress portion of their protest, as allowed under RRS63.2(a).

**DECISION****Date & Time:** 2026-01-17 11:41 AEDT

1. The protest is upheld. Since Sm 6 took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalised.
2. Sm 178's request to withdraw the redress part of their request is allowed.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE****Committee Type** Protest Committee**Chaired By:** Mark Gallagher (AU)**Committee Members:** Simon Hunter (AU), Darren Eger (AUS)**Written Decision Requested By:** Alibi**Published:** 2026-01-18 14:47**Printed:** 2026-01-18 14:47