Port Hacking Sailing Twilight Series

PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION

Case No: 1 & 2 **With Case(s):** **Race: 11th Nov, 2026**

PARTIES

Boat or Committee or Person	Class/Fleet	Represented By/Not Present
L'Attitude	PHS Wed. Twilight	John Barter
Jazz Bar	PHS Wed Twilight	Tony Landers

WITNESSES

Name	Boat – Committee - Role
Ken Teiffel	Witness on shore
Paul Hammond	L'Attitude
Jared Macquart	Jazz Bar
Neil Tasker	Jazz Bar
Tony Towndrow	Patrol Boat

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

Case Introduction: *(Type of hearing and one or two sentences to set the scene of the case e.g. 'A boat to boat incident at the leeward mark' or 'A request for redress for being scored OCS.')*

Boat to boat incident at leeward mark. Both boats raised a protest against the other. The two protests are being heard together.

Procedural Matters*: (Conflicts of Interest, parties not present, extending time limits)*

Alistair Rowe and Michael Wolf each declared a possible conflict of interest, as they were skippers of other boats in this race, although they were not involved in the incident. Both parties consented to their sitting on the protest committee.

Facts found:

Wednesday twilight race in Port Hacking Estuary. Wind variable 8 knots ENE.

Both protests are valid.

Jazz Bar and L'Attitude were both sailing toward the leeward mark on starboard tack, broad reach. Mark was to be taken to Starboard.

A third boat, Patrol Boat, was present to leeward of Jazz Bar. The zone was set by Patrol Boat which was the nearest to the mark. The Zone was therefore 28m radius. When L'Attitude and Jazz Bar entered the zone, they were all three overlapped with each other.

L'Attitude was due Mark Room from Jazz Bar. Jazz Bar was due Mark Room from Patrol Boat. Jazz Bar failed to give sufficient Mark Room to L'Attitude. Patrol Boat gave ample Mark Room to both Jazz Bar and L'Attitude.

When passing the mark, the two boats, L'Atttitude and Jazz Bar, were on parallel courses and close together, resulting in contact between them. There was a further collision as L'Attitude passed the mark and turned to Stbd, her port quarter touching Jazz Bar's starboard side. The collisions did not result in serious damage or injury.

L'Attitude touched the mark.

Neither boat performed a 360 turn.

Conclusion & Rules:

Jazz Bar failed to give mark room to L'Attitude Rule 18.
Jazz Bar failed to avoid collision, by moving to leeward, when she had room to do so. Rule 14.

L'Attitude failed to avoid collision when she had room to windward but is exonerated by Rule 43.1c
L'Attitide touched the mark in breach of Rule 31 but is exonerated by Rule 43.1b

Decision:

Jazz Bar is disqualified.

Request to Withdraw:	**Request Approved:**

Protest Committee: International Jury: ~~*Yes*~~/No
Name Michael Wolf CJ (Chair), Alistair Rowe, Bill Dickson

Signed: Michael Wolf Date, time: 20/11/2026 19:45