

Decision of Protest Committee



Protest Number:

Protest Heard With:

Date of Hearing: 11th November 2017

Regatta: The 2017 Bayleys Optimist North Island Championships

Organising Authority: Lake Taupo Yacht Club

Date of Incident: 11th November 2017

Race Number:

**Boat Protesting, or
Requesting redress or
Reopening:** **NZL4547**

Boat(s) Protested:

Representatives: Protestor: Gordan Dakins
Protestee:
Witness: Mark Hatch, Steve Macris

Validity: Request valid, hearing continued

Facts Found:

1. 4547 was close hauled on port on the first beat.
2. A RIB of the Protest Committee passed in the opposite direction at less than hull speed about 4 boat lengths to windward of 4547.
3. There were between 6-7 seconds between the passing of the RIB and the wake arriving at 4547's position.
4. 4547 did not take any action to lessen the impact of the wake to the boat.
5. The wake swamped 4547. 4547 had to bail out and lost some time, distance and places on effect.

Diagram: None

Conclusions:

1. There was no improper action by the Protest Committee that made the score of 4547 significantly worse.
2. In not taking action to lessen the impact of the wake, 4547 contributed to the effect of the wake on the boat.

Rules that Apply: 62.1

Decision: **Redress is not given**

Protest Committee: John Bullôt
Peter Scheuerl
Graeme Robinson

Chairman's Signature:

**Date and Time
Decision Advised:** 11th November 2017 at 15:45