

## **GFS TWILIGHT PROTEST**

**FOXY and ANDIAMO-GOLD DIVISION-RACE AUTUMN 7, 16/3/2016**

### **Protest Committee**

Michael Murphy, chairman,

Steve Bradley,

Ian Smith

### **Event.**

At about 6.45pm Foxy was in the vicinity of Goat Island and was on starboard tack, close hauled.

Andiamo was on port tack close hauled. The courses of the boats were such that they would intersect and unless avoiding action was taken the boats may collide.

Foxy saw Andiamo approaching and expected her to either tack off or alter course to pass behind.

Andiamo saw Foxy approaching and decided to pass behind. When the boats were close Andiamo let off her mainsheet to enable a change of course to starboard and to pass behind Foxy.

Foxy saw the mainsheet let off and realised Andiamo intended to pass behind.

With the boats close together a gust struck Andiamo and prevented her from turning to starboard to avoid Foxy. The gust was such that it partially rounded up Andiamo and pushed her slightly to port. Andiamo could not avoid a collision.

Foxy saw Andiamo round up slightly, realised a collision was unavoidable and tried to reduce the impact by turning, but there was not enough time to avoid a collision. Andiamo struck Foxy on the port side between amidships and the stern. Serious damage was incurred by both boats.

### **Facts found.**

As a boat on port tack Andiamo was obliged to keep clear of Foxy on starboard tack and failed to do so. Andiamo breached rule 10.

It was reasonable for Foxy to expect Andiamo to keep clear and when it became clear that Andiamo was unable to do so, Foxy did not have the opportunity to avoid a collision. She did not breach rule 14.

### **Penalties.**

Andiamo is disqualified.

Michael Murphy, Chairman

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