

Protest Number: 1

Date of Hearing: 5 September 2022,
Re-opened 9 September when new information became available.

Regatta: B&G Laura Gloria Series

Date of Incident: 17 August 2022

Race Number: 14

Boat Requesting redress: **H35 Onyx**

Boat Protested: **Race Committee**

Representatives: Protestor: Stephen Cheney (Onyx), Warren Stokes (Beau Ciel) and Paul Linderman (Biddy Hu II)

Protestee: Andrew Warner, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Race Committee

Validity: Redress request valid, hearing continued

Facts Found:

1. The starting group board was changed two minutes after the published starting time for each group from 13 onwards.
2. This error may have occurred in earlier groups but. was not identified.
3. Mercedes 3, R187 Biddy Hu II, R707 Coramandel 6, H381 Reflection and R548 Roziaante started at their published start time rather than when their group number was replaced.
4. A number of other boats may have started earlier but were not observed.
5. The sailing instructions state that the boats will start when the board displaying their group is replaced.
6. No boats were recorded as OCS

Diagram: NA.

Conclusions: 1.The RC changed the group board two minutes later than the published start time resulting in them failing to identify boats that were OCS was an improper action by the RC.

Rules that Apply: RRS 62.1(a), SI 8.4

Decision: **Redress is given.**
Boats R450, R187, R707,H381 and R548 are to be scored OCS.

Protest Committee: Rob Ware (Chair), Paul Pascoe, Darren Eger

Chairman's Signature: *Rob Ware*

Date and Time Original decision 5 Sep. Revised decision 9 Sept 2022 at 1400.