



ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

PROTEST HEARING DECISION

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| PROTESTOR | <i>Jamiroquai 6180</i> | REPRESENTED | Shaun Wellacott |
| PROTESTEE | <i>Fast Company 5200</i> | REPRESENTED | Tony Smith |
| SERIES | Wednesday Night Series | DIVISION | Y88 & Division C |
| RACE & DATE: | Race 6 14/2/24 | HEARING DATE | 22/2/24 1800 |

Validity/Procedure:

- The protest was valid and the hearing continued.

Witnesses:

- Annah McMillan ***Jamiroquai***

Facts Found:

- ***Jamiroquai*** on starboard and ***Fast Company*** on port were on a converging course on a beat to windward approaching Rough Rock racing buoy
- When it became clear that ***Fast Company*** was not keeping clear, ***Jamiroquai*** bore away to try to pass astern of ***Fast Company***
- ***Fast Company*** slowed and luffed slightly
- There was contact at the bow of ***Jamiroquai*** and the starboard aft quarter of ***Fast Company***.
- Both boats continued the race. Neither boat took penalty turns.

Conclusion:

- ***Fast Company*** on port failed to keep clear of ***Jamiroquai*** on starboard, and broke RRS 10 and RRS 14.
- It was not reasonably possible for ***Jamiroquai***, the right-of-way boat, to avoid contact with ***Fast Company*** when it was clear that ***Fast Company*** was not keeping clear. ***Jamiroquai*** did not break RRS 14.

Decision:

- ***Fast Company*** is DSQ in Race 6

Protest Committee Panel:

Blair Park, Doug Elder

Decision Advised: 22/2/24 1840