

2025 Lipton Challenge Cup

Case 01

Protestor: GLYC

Protestee: RNYC

Procedural Matters:

1. GLYC was represented by Jordyn Soldin (GLYC crew).
2. RNYC was represented by Andrea Giovanni (RNYC crew).
3. Matthew de Villiers (Helmsman of GLYC) attended the hearing as an observer.
4. Rudi McNeil (PYC crew) presented evidence as a witness for the GLYC.

Facts Found:

1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 30 knots with 1.5m chop.
2. On the second downwind leg of Race 2, a crew member of RNYC was standing on the stern of the boat, outside of the backstay, holding it and projected their body outboard.
3. This was done to prevent the bow from nose diving.
4. NoR/Sl 6.2 states "The penalty for a breach of a Class Rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification".

Conclusion:

1. By projecting the body outboard whilst standing, RNYC broke class rule C.2.2.
2. As the breach of class rule C.2.2 had a significant effect on the performance of their boat, the starting penalty band of level 4 was used as recommended by the World Sailing Discretionary Penalty Guidelines.
3. Using the World Sailing Discretionary Penalty Guidelines for Boats & Support Persons a starting penalty of DSQ was decided. There were no circumstances to justify decreasing the penalty.

Decision:

RNYC is scored DSQ in Race 2

Rule(s) Applicable:

Class Rule: C2.2

Decision:

26 August 2025 at 18h19.

Protest Committee:

Luke Scott (chair), Patric Loydell