

OTTIS B DRIFTWOOD APPEAL DECISION

The DRYA Appeals Committee met at Bayview Yacht Club (BYC) on Monday 25th of February 2008 at 7.00pm to hear the Appeal by Blair Arden with regard to the Handicap Review Boards(HRB) rating decision of 219 for Otis B Driftwood for the 2008 season.

Under Rule 15.17 Handicap Appeals, of the DRYA Rules, once the HRB has assigned a rating it is the Appellants burden to show the assigned rating is clearly unfair to the boat or its competitors.

Having considered the materials and arguments presented at the hearing at BYC on February 25th 2008, the Appeals Committee concluded that; "The race performance data presented by both parties support the Handicap Review Board decision. In fact, Otis B Driftwood's numbers shows 70% first in class and 60% first or second overall for the last 10 races of 2007. The rating of 219 is not clearly unfair."

This written decision was handed down by the Panel made up of Brian Geraghty, Ron Spies, Larry Breskin for the DRYA, and Dave Hudge and Frank Stellingwerf for the HRB.

In conclusion the Appeals Committee is convinced that the rating of 219 is a reasonable rating for Otis B Driftwood and that the Appellant has failed to demonstrate that it is clearly unfair to the boat or its competitors. Accordingly the appeal is denied and the rating of 219 stands.

Written and Signed by;

David Spiers, Chairman and Secretary to the HRB