

THE YACHT JADE APPEAL DECISION

The DRYA Appeals Committee met at Bayview Yacht Club (BYC) on Monday 23rd of February 2009 at 7.00pm to hear the Appeal by Com. Nick Geisz with regard to the Handicap Review Board's (HRB) rating decision to award a 3 second increase from 165 to 168 for Jade for the 2009 season.

Under Rule 15.15 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 23rd 2009, and the Sect 15 DRYA Rules, the Appeals Committee concluded that; "The material and race performance data presented support the Handicap Review Board's decision and the rating of 168 is not "clearly unfair."

This decision was handed down by the Panel made up of George Volumenous, Kevin Sherry, Mike McGuire, Larry Breskin for the DRYA, John Barbour for PHRF and Dave Spiers and Frank Stellingwerf for the HRB.

In conclusion the Appeals Committee is convinced that the rating of 168 is a reasonable rating for Jade 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 168 stands.

Written and Signed by;
David Spiers, Chief Handicapper