

# Protest and Request for Redress

Protest No: 05

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## 1. Event Name: 2023 GNS Séries Interclub Series

Protest On: 2023-07-12

Race No: 42982

## 2. Hearing Type

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protest | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Reopen              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by RC      | <input type="checkbox"/> Reopening by PC                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by PC      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC      | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC      |

## 3. Protestor

Perh 1 White Sail - 42982 - Chaos - Jim Moss

## 4. Protestees

1. Race Committee

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** GNS Series 2 Race 2

**Rules:** Un safe location of start line

**Witnesses:** Following vessels: "Sea gale", "Just Now" David Wisenthal, (Also ran around), Jacque Lacasse "Tocade" (also ran a ground)

## 6. Informing Protestee

- Hail:**  
**Hail When:** Before Start of race  
**Hail Comment:** Start line is too close to Reef
- Red Flag:**  
**Red Flag Comment**
- Other:**  
**Other Comment:**

## 7. Description Of Incident

Before the start of the race, I advised the race committee that the start line was too close to a reef. (Within 75m of the reef in front of Point Claire harbor). After the race, when running down wind, was not able to round up due to boats on starboard side and starboard tack. Hence I ran a ground 7-8 times on the reef 75 m from start line as did 3 other boats from the Royal. The Wind was a South westerly hence the start line could have 1Km off shore and still have plenty of room for the race course. The start and finish line was a dangerous position. If I cared less about my competitors, I could have rounded up and avoid the reef and run over a fireball. But I did not and now have potentially thousand of dollars of damage due to negligence of the Race committee for failing to set up a start line away from shore and in a safe position. Not sure why they felt the course need to be within 2 min from the entrance of their harbor!! Note: This is not their first time they created this offense!

## 8. Damage Or Injury

Keel need to be inspected, but we ran aground got hung up. We were going 8kts dead down wind with 20 kts of breeze with full sail crossing the finish line then came to a dead stop. Its a 16ton boat with a 60 foot mast. Hence the impact was severer. Then we hit another 7 or 8 time before clearing. Attached is the image showing the start line. As you can see the chart reflect 2ft depth within 75m of start line. The green line across the reef is the course I need to take to avoid taking the small fireball!



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## Attachments