

# DECISION

Request No.: 01

## Protest

Event: Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Race Number: 1  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-25 18:00

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Race Committee

2023 IRC0 4-day series - 42N - La Reponse - Andrew McIrvine

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

42N La Reponse did not attend the hearing. The hearing was heard under RRS 63.3b.

### FACTS FOUND

- 42N La Reponse sailed between the committee boat and the IDM on approach to the starting line on starboard tack.
- Video evidence showed that 42N La Reponse sailed into the prohibited area described in SI 12.3.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 63.3b, SI 12.3.

42N La Reponse failed to comply with SI 12.3 a prohibited zone between the committee boat and the IDM approaching the start line seconds before the start.

42N La Reponse gained an advantage by sailing in the prohibited zone. The protest committee applied the World Sailing discretionary penalties policy band 4 as 42N gained a competitive advantage by entering the prohibited (Band 4 breach)

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2023-08-25 18:40 BST

42N La Reponse is disqualified from Race 1. Protest Committee Subsequently advised that 4N La Reponse had retired from the race

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type:** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Cordelia Procter (GBR)

**Committee Members:** Josh Beale (GBR), Russell Beale (GBR), Liz Procter (GBR), Tom Woodhead (GBR)

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