

# Protest

Protest No: 08

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## 1. Event Name: ICRA National Championships

**Protest On:** 2021-09-04

**Race No:** R3

## 2. Hearing Type

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

## 3. Protestor

Class 1 - 44444 - Magic Touch - Steve Hayes

## 4. Protestees

1. Class 0 - GBR9244R - Samotom - Robert Rendell

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** approx 12:30, windward mark

**Rules:** Rule 18.2 (b)

**Witnesses:** Crew of magic touch, Afloat press boat

## 6. Informing Protestee

**Hail:**

**Hail When:**

**Hail Comment:**

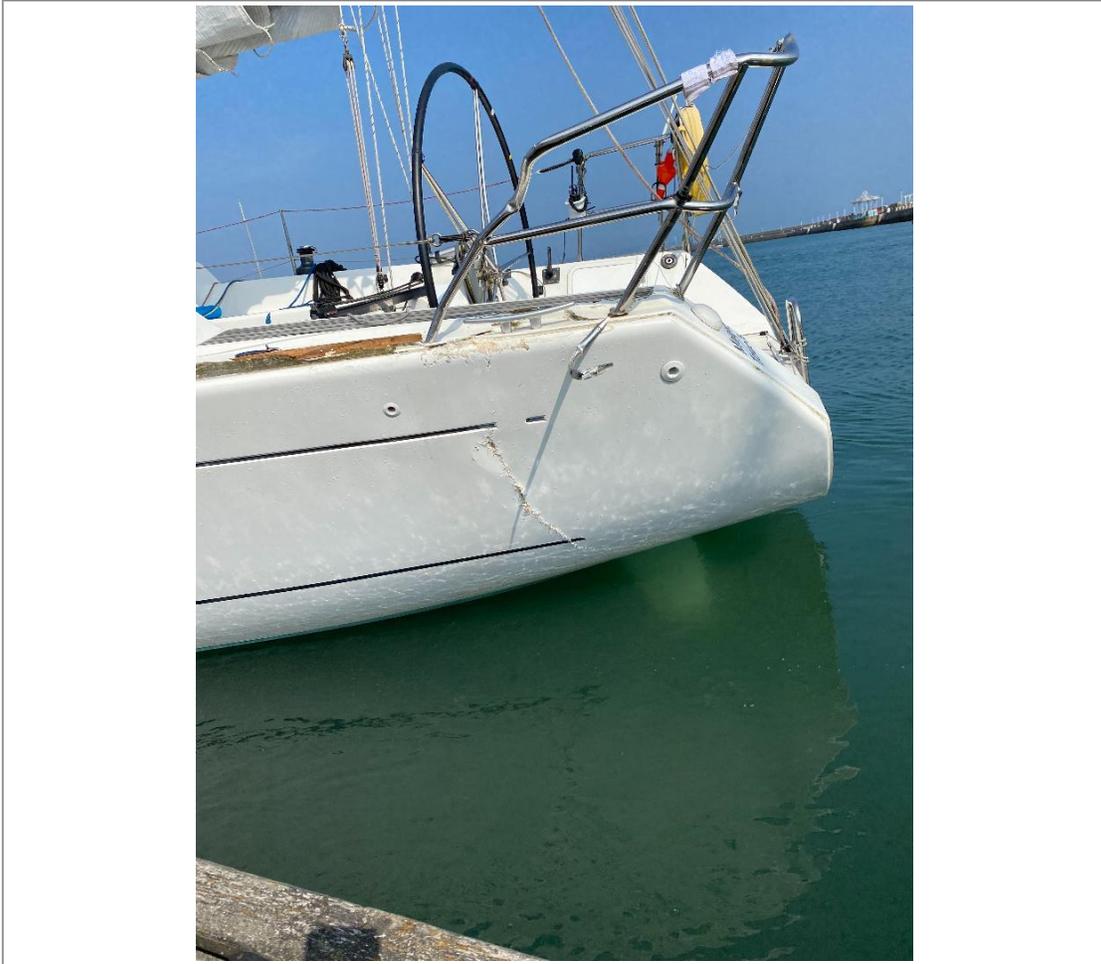
**Red Flag:**

**Red Flag Comment**

**Other:**

**Other Comment:** Over VHF via race committee and ashore when both boats came ashore

## 7. Description Of Incident



We had rounded the weather mark and were close reaching to the spreader mark. The distance between the two marks was quite short, approx 5-6 boat lengths. When we reached the zone, I (helm & skipper) looked over my shoulder to ensure there was no overlap with boats behind us. At that point, there was no overlap. There were some boats ahead and slightly to windward, that I was aware of and I think Powder Monkey & Raptor were possibly there, but not 100% sure. I looked behind to check for traffic and any boats with an overlap. As we entered the zone, approx half way between the marks, Samatom was clear astern and gaining. We hailed Samaotom to advise them they had no overlap and no rights. They acknowledged the hail but claimed they had an overlap. We insisted they didn't and at this point they had time to come up above us. They were travelling a couple of knots faster than us. As we bore away to round the spreader mark for the downwind leg, their greater speed closed the gap to us and collided with us on our aft port quarter. Significant damage was caused, including the collision between Samatom's bowsprit and our main trimmer's head and also the helms man took an impact to the lower back. Main trimmer has gone for medical evaluation. We disentangled ourselves, and retired from the race. We advised the race committee by VHF of our intention to retire and protest. Samatom also hailed the committee to retire and advise of their intent to protest us.

## **8. Damage Or Injury**

Significant damage to aft port quarter  
Main trimmer took a blow to his head from Samatom's bow sprit.  
Helm took an impact to lower back from same.

# Attachments

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