



## 2025 Van Isle 360

### Question for Officials

**Date: 2025-05-30**

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**Question No: 03**

**Question For: Protest Committee**

**Question:**

Penalty (rule 44.3)

Does exclude the use of on-the-water exoneration? E.g. if there is a close port starboard and the port boat is protested are they able to take a one turn penalty to exonerate?

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**Answer:**

RRS 44.3 takes the place of RRS 44.2 (Penalty turns). Under RRS 44.3, a boat receives a 20% penalty if they acknowledge that they have broken a rule of Part 2 (Right of way rules) or rule 31 (touching a mark). The penalty turn exoneration is NOT available under RRS 44.3.

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