

# Protest

Protest No: 02

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## 1. Event Name: 2022 RVYC Wednesday Night Racing

Protest On: 2022-06-29

Race No: 2

## 2. Hearing Type

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| <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

Martin242 - One Design - 8 - Simply Red - Alan Drinkwater

## 4. Protestees

1. Martin242 - One Design - 272 - Crown Royale - Tim Murphy

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** 2nd race, 2nd weather mark rounding, ~1915hrs.

**Rules:** 31, Touching a Mark

**Witnesses:** Will Schwenger, crew member on Simply Red

## 6. Informing Protestee

**Hail:**

**Hail When:** At time of contact w/clearance mark.

**Hail Comment:** You hit mark. Protest! Yuri on board 272 replied with words to the effect "we did not hit mark".

**Red Flag:**

**Red Flag Comment** Immediately after hailing.

**Other:**

**Other Comment:**

## 7. Description Of Incident

Simply Red #8 had completed rounding of weather and clearance marks, and was on port tack heading SW. A commotion was heard ~1 boat length astern of us: it appeared #231 Checkmate and #272 were engaged in fisticuffs. 272 was inside boat on port tack, approaching the clearance mark amidships at very close quarters; there was less than 1' of clear space from port side of 272's hull to the bottom area of the red inflatable clearance mark.

As 272 turned anticlockwise to round the clearance mark, the space between 272 and the clearance mark decreased rapidly, then I clearly saw the bottom hard corner of the mark touch the port side of 272, just below where the hull transitions from "topsides" to "bottom".

The bottom corner of the mark has a clearly visible overlap of material ~1-2" where the vertical and horizontal seams are stitched together, and extend beyond the shape of the inflatable mark itself.

As 272 rounded anticlockwise, it pushed up hard against the bottom corner of the mark, to the point where I could see the seam overlap material being forced back onto itself and onto the mark, clearly indicating 272 had touched the mark.

At time of contact with the mark, 272 had slight leeward heel. 272's Yuri was standing on port side amidships, but was far enough inboard that he could not see the bottom corner of mark. Thus from his vantage point, it may have appeared 272 did not hit the mark, but I had a clear view of the contact, hence the need to declare a protest.

## 8. Damage Or Injury

None.

## Attachments

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