



**ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB**

# **2021 Aldo Alessio P Swiftsure Regatta : National Champion Question for Officials**

**Date: 2021-08-22**

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**Question No: 01**

**Question For: Protest Committee**

**Question:**

This question was received via email: Can you exonerate yourself if you sail into a prohibited area?

If a boat enters a prohibited area, can they correct their error and “unwind” and continue race, or should they retire? Specifically, a boat in our fleet went inside of Anita Rock Light and the shore, several boat lengths, was protested by another boat, and “unwound” their error by sailing back and leaving Anita Rock on the correct side and then continued racing.

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**Answer:**

SI 9 prohibits sailing in certain areas while racing. A boat that sails in a prohibited area has broken a rule. Unless she was compelled to break the rule by another boat that was breaking a rule, there is no exoneration for this breach. The penalties in Rule 44 and Appendix V do not apply and this breach cannot be "unwound" as if it were a failure to Sail the Course (see Definitions).

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