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Situation

Both starting marks are race committee boats. The race committee boat at the pin end is a RIB. At the start one boat hits the pin end mark and cause some damage to the mark. The boat takes a one-turn penalty for touching the mark.

Question 1

Is this the correct exoneration?

Answer 1

Yes, provided there is no serious damage.

Question 2

Same scenario, but this time there is a serious damage to the mark (the RIB). The boat still takes a one-turn penalty for touching the mark.

Is this the correct exoneration or does rule 44.1(b) also apply between a boat racing and a mark?

Answer 2

Rule 44.1(b) applies and the boat should have retired.