



## Palma - Melilla - Palma

### Penalty Report

Date 2024-11-20 00:00 UTC

Item No. 02

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**Race No.** Palma-Melilla

**Leg** Run

**Protestor** Mini Transat - GER 1003 - Europe - Thiemo Huuk

**Protestee** Class Mini - GER 1003 - Europe

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#### Description

19.11.2024

06:57 A boat under engine with 7 people on board approaches us from behind. The boat approaches us from the side. There are 6 men and one woman in the boat, all dark-skinned. 3 are wearing life jackets.

We jibe to avoid the boat and head straight for Ibiza.

After a while, they explain to us in French that they come from Algeria and are on their way to Spain. They tell us that they only have 10-20 litres of petrol left and we slow down our course so that the boat can keep up with a distance of 10-20m. We can't reach anyone on channels 16 and 69. At 7:10 we activate the SOS signal on the TracTrac. We have to avoid the boat several times to prevent a collision.

08:03 We have contact with the tanker Zephyre (9HA2214/248159000). The tanker refuses to help and pass on the call for help for the time being because they are too far away (approx. 6 NM).

0826 Zephyre calls MRCC Palma after all. MRCC Palma sends a boat to our position. We head towards Ibiza/ formentera at approx. 5 knots to keep control of our boat. Poor vhf quality.

09:23 support boat reaches us on channel 69, they will be with us in 1.5-2 hours. The small boat fills the last ladder of petrol into the tank.

10:15 the support vessel takes over the small boat.

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#### Penalty Taken

None

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