

# DECISION

Request No.: 06

## Protest

Event: H-Boat Worlds Race Number: 6  
Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-02 18:45

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 06: H-Boat - DEN 470 - LANG NOK - Mads P.G. Korsgaard

H-Boat - GER 1656 - Michael Dümchen

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Yes

**Decision:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The jury was properly constituted under RRS N1.5

### FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 15 knots and the sea was choppy.
2. Approximately 6 boat lengths before the finishing line
3. DEN 470 and GER 1656 were sailing on broad reach on port tack towards the finishing line
4. GER 1656 was clear astern of DEN 470
5. A contact occurred between the bow of GER 1656 and the starboard side of DEN 470's stern, causing slight scratches
6. No boat took a penalty
7. Both boats finished the race

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

**Rules:** RRS 12, 14

1. GER 1656 clear astern failed to keep clear of DEN 470 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12.
2. GER 1656 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for DEN 470 the right-of-way boat to avoid contact with GER 1656 when it was clear that GER 1656 was not keeping clear. DEN 470 did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

GER 1656 is DSQ in race 6.

Date & Time: 2023-08-02 19:08 CEST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Committee Type** Protest Committee

**Chaired By:** Walter D'Auria (ITA)

**Committee Members:** Ron Barak (ISR), Alen Kustic (CRO), Sylvie Harle (FRA)