

# DECISION

Request Number: 35

## Protest

Event: 29er World Championship Race Number: 4

Hearing Date: 2016-07-29

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** GBR 2025 - Nick Devereux

**Respondent(s):** ITA 1738 Veronica Hoffer, GER 1893 Josina Matthiessen

### VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### FACTS FOUND

1. GBR 2025 was sailing towards the last mark before finishing race F4.
2. When GBR 2025 reached the zone, ITA 1738 and GER 1893 were clear astern of her.
3. ITA 1738 was clear astern of GER 1893 when reaching the zone.
4. When rounding the mark, there was a contact between the stern of GBR 2025 and the bowsprit of ITA 1738.
5. There was additional contact between the stern of GBR 2025 and the bowsprit of GER 1893, and between ITA 1738 and GER 1893.
6. No damage or injury occurred.
7. ITA completed a One-Turn Penalty.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. ITA 1738 and GER 1893 failed to give mark room to GBR 2025 and broke RRS 18.2(b).
2. By not avoiding contact, ITA 1738 and GER 1893 also broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for GBR 2025 to avoid the contacts, therefore she did not break RRS 14.
4. ITA 1738 took an appropriate penalty under RRS 44.

### DECISION

Protest Upheld

GER 1893 is disqualified (DSQ) in race F4.

**Date & Time:** 2016-07-29 21:20 CEST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Thomas Kresse (NOR)

**Committee Members:** Bence Borocz (HUN), Claudio Uras (ITA), Sylvie Harle (FRA), Anne Kaalstad (NOR)

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