

# DECISION

Request Number: 71

Request for Redress

Event: Kieler Woche 2019 Race Number: 7

Hearing Date: 2019-06-29

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** J/70 - GER 761 - Roland Wensel

**Respondent(s):** Race Committee

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** No

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

## FACTS FOUND

1. J70 Class GER 761 claims she was unable to reach the starting area on time to start Race 7, despite sailing straight from the finishing line of Race 6 after finishing.
2. The warning signal of Race 7 was signaled 9 minutes after the last boat finished Race 6.
3. GER 761 finished Race 6 in the bottom 4 position.
4. GER 761 crossed the starting line to start for race 7, 1 minute after the starting signal of this race.
5. When GER 761 started, she had behind her solely the boats finishing Race 6 behind her, which followed her suit to start.
6. The distance between the finishing line of Race 6 and the starting line of Race 7 was 0.5nm and boats were required to sail upwind towards the latter.
7. The wind conditions when boats finished Race 6 was 5 to 6 knots, similar to the conditions they encountered while racing.
8. The distance of leg 1, the first upwind, was 0.6nm and the leader took more than 10 minutes to sail it.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

## CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. A 14 minutes gap given between the last finishing boats and starting signal was not enough time bearing in mind the sailing conditions and the distance to be sailed.
2. There was an improper action by the Race Committee to start the starting procedures without giving reasonable time to the boats to reach the starting line from the finish to start, making her score significantly worse through no fault of her own.

## DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2019-06-29 19:30 CEST

GER 761 is given redress in Race 7, points equal to the average points as per RRS A10(a), with all races from day 1 until today, except the Race in question, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward).

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Manuel Huensch (GER)

**Committee Members:** Manuel Ken Gamito (POR), Christina Örtendahl (SWE), Tracy Heritage (AUS), Henning Jacobsen (GER)

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