

# DECISION

Request Number: 25

Request for Redress

Event: Kieler Woche 2019 Race Number: 6

Hearing Date: 2019-06-23

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** 29er (Euro Cup) - GER 2108 - Lea Nowacki

**Respondent(s):** Organizational Authority

**Witnesses:** Michael Wende (Press boat driver)

**Interpreters:** Felix Weidling

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Within Time Limit

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### FACTS FOUND

1. The wind was 12 knots.
2. The press boat was "Eleanor", a rigid hull power boat.
3. GER 2108 was sailing downwind on starboard tack with the gennaker up within the race course.
4. The press boat was moving at 8 kts.
5. The press boat was on a perpendicular collision course, to port of GER 2108.
6. At a distance of 3 boat lengths from GER 2108, the press boat changed course to avoid a collision.
7. The closest distance between the press boat and the projected course line of GER 2108 was 2m.
8. GER 2108 luffed hard to avoid a collision and capsized.
9. When GER 2108 capsized, she was 1,5 boat lengths from the press boat.
10. During the capsize, the crew of GER 2108 suffered a bruise to her knee.
11. GER 2108 had to retire from the race due to the immediate pain in the knee and a former injury to the same knee.
12. GER 2108 started in later races.
13. GER will be able to race tomorrow.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. Because of an improper action or omission of the race committee GER 2108's score was made significantly worse through no fault of her own (RRS 62.1(a)).

### DECISION

**Date & Time:** 2019-06-23 19:21 CEST

GER 2108's request for redress is granted. GER 2108 is to be scored in race 6 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races sailed in the opening series, except race 6. This shall not change the score of the other boats.

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Giorgio Davanzo (ITA)

**Committee Members:** Ron Barak (ISR), Thorsten Doebbeler (GER), Line Juhl (DEN), Danielle Lawson (USA)