# DECISION

Protest by PC

Event: H-Boat Worlds Race Number: 1 Hearing Schedule: 2023-08-01 17:30

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 01: Protest Committee

HBOAT - GER1737, GER1455, GER1021, GER1755, GER1602, DEN596

Witnesses: Ettore Oradini (race committee chair)

### 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**

The jury was properly constituted under RRS N1.5

GER1737 was represented by Dirk STADLER GER1455 was represented by Andi LACHENSCHMID GER1021 was represented by Lasse KENTER GER1755 was represented by Micki LIEBL GER1602 was represented by XXX Philipp ALTENA DEN596 was represented by Mike RASMUSSEN

Ettore ORADINI, race committee chair, was called as a witness

The following persons attended the hearing as observers: Oliver MELZER, crew of GER1737 Finn KENTER, crew of GER1021 Benedikt SCHULTE, crew of GER1755 Alexander OBLADEN, crew of GER1602

# FACTS FOUND

- 1. Wind was 18 to 20 knots and the sea was choppy.
- 2. Between the warning and the preparatory signals, Y flag was displayed on the Race Committee, without sound signal.
- 3. During race 1, boats GER1737, GER1455, GER1021, GER1755, GER1602, DEN596 were observed, 2 times, at mark 1, with at least one member of the crew not wearing a personal flotation device.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 40.2(a)

- 1. As Y flag was not displayed before or with warning signal according to 40.2(a), wearing a personal flotation device was not required while racing in race 1.
- 2. No rule broken.

PROTEST COMMITTEE Committee Type International Jury Chaired By: Ron Barak (ISR) Committee Members: Walter D'Auria (ITA), Alen Kustic (CRO), Sylvie Harle (FRA)

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