

# DECISION

Request Number: 36

## Protest

Event: 29er World Championship Race Number: F8

Hearing Date: 2016-07-30

### PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** HKG 2521 - Ferdinand Heldman

**Respondent(s):** SWE 1670 - Emma Fridolfsson

**Witnesses:** Rob Partridge (HKG coach)

### 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. A few minutes after the start of race F8, HKG 2521 was sailing on starboard, SWE 1670 was sailing on port tack.
2. There were light wind conditions.
3. HKG 2521 tacked in front of SWE 1670.
4. Two seconds after HKG 2521 reached close-hauled course on port tack, there was a contact between the bow of SWE 1670 and the transom of HKG 2521.
5. The contact caused a 4 cm long crack on the port side of the transom of HKG 2521.
6. No penalty was taken.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

1. After acquiring right-of-way, HKG 2521 failed to initially give SWE 1670 room to keep clear and broke RRS 15.
2. By not avoiding contact, HKG 2521 also broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for SWE 1670 to avoid contact, therefore she did not break RRS 14.

### DECISION

Protest Upheld

HKG 2521 is disqualified (DSQ) in race F8.

**Date & Time:** 2016-07-30 16:26 CEST

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Paul Zupan (USA)

**Committee Members:** Bence Borocz (HUN), Claudio Uras (ITA), Anne Kaalstad (NOR), Thomas Kresse (NOR)

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