

# Protest

**Protest No: 01**

**Received At: 2019-08-24 17:05 PDT**

## 1. Event Name: 2019 Formula Kite NA/Caribbean Championship and Hydrofoil Pro Tour

**Protest On:** 2019-08-24

**Race No:** 10

## 2. Hearing Type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by RC      | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Reopen         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Protest by TC      | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Redress by RC |

## 3. Protestor

Hydrofoil Pro Tour - GER 11 - Gabriel Wicke

## 4. Protestees

1. Hydrofoil Pro Tour - FRA 39 - Theo De Ramecourt

## 5. Incident

**Time Place:** First race, second upwind (for GER 11), roughly middle of the course.

**Rules:** 11

**Witnesses:** Johnny Heineken (USA 77)

## 6. Informing Protestee

- ☒ **Hail:**  
**Hail When:** Immediately  
**Hail Comment:** PROTEST
- ☐ **Red Flag:**  
**Red Flag Comment**
- ☐ **Other:**  
**Other Comment:**

## 7. Description Of Incident

GER 11 was going upwind on port tack, while Theo De Rameaucourt and Johnny were on the last downwind of the race, also on port. Theo did not keep clear of GER 11, and the leading edge of both kites collided at high speed and approximately 90 degree angle. This caused GER 11 to crash, and caused internal damage to GER 11's kite, breaking one diagonal strap completely, and partially ripping several others. GER 11 hailed protest right after the incident, in the water. GER 11 recovered and finished both the first and second race of the day, but performance was compromised by the damaged kite deforming due to the broken internal structure.

## 8. Damage Or Injury

One completely broken diagonal strap, several others partially ripped. Without internal structure to support it, the kite bulges between bridle attachment points, compromising its aerodynamic performance.

## Attachments

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