

# The Hague Offshore Sailing Worlds 2018

## Case Details

As of 18 JUL 2018 At 08:47

PROTEST - DECISION	
CASE No. 10	
<b>Event:</b> Class B (11.60 >= CDL > 9.80)	<b>Race:</b> 4
<b>Initiator:</b> GER 7460	<b>Respondent:</b> BEL 1100, SWE 49
<b>Procedural Matters:</b>  video evidence was presented by SWE <b>Facts found:</b> The wind speed was approximately 17 knots; the waves were large. The incident happened during a start that was later restarted. BEL, GER, SWE were approaching the starting line on starboard tack to start. BEL and GER were overlapped with BEL to windward both sailing along the starting line. SWE was clear ahead, slower than GER and BEL. GER and BEL obtained an overlap to windward of SWE. At that time the distance between GER and SWE was 1,5 boat lengths. All three boats were sailing on converging courses and kept their course. Shortly thereafter there was contact between the port aft quarter of the hull of BEL and the starboard bow area of GER. Furthermore there was contact between the port aft quarter of the hull of GER and the starboard bow area of SWE. GER had damage to the third and first stanchion from the stern and scratches on the sheerline. SWE had a scratch of 5 x 1 cm just above the waterline. BEL had no damage. The performance of the boats was not affected by the damage.	

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### Conclusion:

BEL to windward failed to keep clear of GER to leeward as required by RRS 11.

GER to windward failed to keep clear of SWE to leeward as required by RRS 11. GER broke RRS 11, however GER is exonerated under RRS 64.1(a) as she was compelled to break RRS 11 as a consequence of BEL breaking RRS 11.

BEL failed to avoid contact with GER as required by RRS 14.

It was not reasonably possible for GER to avoid contact.

Although it was reasonably possible for SWE to do so, SWE, being the right-of-way boat, did not avoid contact with GER when it was clear that GER was not keeping clear, hereby breaking RRS 14.

No serious damage occurred in the incident.

### Rule(s) applicable:

RRS 11, 14, 36, 64.1(a)

### Decision:

Protest upheld, no boat is further penalized as provided in RRS 36(b).

### Decision - short:

Protest upheld, no boat is further penalized as provided in RRS 36(b).

### Jury:

Timo Hass, Line Juhl, Bruno Finzi, Giorgio Davanzo, Paul Withers

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 17 JUL 2018 Time: 21:48

Timo Hass