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PROTEST DECISION
CASE No. 7

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Facts found:
1. The crew put the hatch cover in place prior to the start of the Race 7.
2. At the finish of Race 7 GBR's hatch cover was not in place.
3. The hatch cover was not intentionally removed.
4. The reason for the hatch cover being in place is safety, since it reduces the flooding rate to 1/4.
5. The position of the hatch cover does not provide a competitive advantage.
6. The exception to the Rule ER 8.6. did not apply at the time of the breach.

Conclusion:
GBR unintentionally failed to comply with ER 8.6.

Rule(s) applicable:
ER 8.6; SI 21.6

Decision:
In accordance with Discretionary Penalties Guidelines, a starting penalty of 50% was decided.
The penalty was decreased because: a) it was not intentional; b) it did not provide a competitive advantage.
There were no circumstances to justify increasing the penalty.
The discretion penalty imposed is 20% applied to Race 7, calculated to the nearest tenth of a point (2.8).

Decision - short:
GBR DPI 2.8 points in Race 7.

Jury:
BAILEY Pat (ISV), BEAL Lynne (CAN), BOROCZ Bence (HUN), WATKINS Danielle (AUS), PORTO Eduardo (BRA)

Signed: ________________________________ Date: 15 SEP 2016  Time: 17:28

Panel Chairman