

Dear Media Partners,

With reference to our previous news release sent on 2018 January, 21st, on March the 7th the Court of Genoa has released a new statement on the litigation between HanseYachts and Cantiere del Pardo concerning the Pardo 43 powerboat.

The Court of Genoa has stated that:

1. The Pardo 43 is not a copy of the Fjord 42. The Community Design registered by HanseYachts concerning the Fjord 42 is not valid and all infringement accusations against the Pardo 43 are therefore unfounded.
2. When purchasing, no potential customer can be misled or confused by the design of the two boats. The Pardo 43 cannot be confused with either the Fjord 42 or any other Fjord line boat, that is produced by HanseYachts.
3. Appropriation of qualities and values belonging to Fjord line, has never been done by Pardo 43.

Moreover, from a competitive point of view, the Court of Genoa has stated that is not fair the competitive advantage gained by Cantiere del Pardo arising from the few optional parts, that both the boats have on board. However, it is evident that such elements are optional ones and are manufactured by suppliers and available on the market– for example the extendible bimini and the hydraulic stern platform.

Even if the Court of Genoa has recognized the absence of any liability of Pardo 43 related to counterfeiting and unfair competition for slavish imitation and appropriation of qualities, Cantiere del Pardo will evaluate the opportunity to adopt the most appropriate measures to defend its legitimate rights.

Cantiere del Pardo S.p.a.