

# DECISION

Request Number: 1

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: Hydrofoil Pro Tour Race Number: 1

Hearing Date: 2017-08-05

## PARTIES AND WITNESSES

**Initiator:** 1 - USA 10 - Joey Pasquali

**Respondent(s):** Kite foil - A - BRA 18 - Bruno Lobo

**Witnesses:** None

## VALIDITY

**Objection to Jury:** No

**Within Time Limit:** Beyond with Good Reason Poor internet connection delayed electronic filing by 10mins

**Incident Identified:** Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed

**Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### FACTS FOUND

USA 10 and BRA 18 were overlapped on port tack approaching the starboard layline for the first windward mark, to be rounded to port.

BRA 18 was to leeward of USA 10

A starboard tackler crossed in front of both 10 and 18. 10 had to duck to pass behind the starboard tackler, bringing 10 and 18 to within 10 feet of each other

As USA 10 passed behind the starboard tackler, BRA 18 tacked into the path of USA 10

USA 10 attempted to immediately tack, but the kites collided and a tangle followed.

Neither competitor did penalty turns, both continued to race after untangling the kites.

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

### CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

BRA 18, as right of way boat, changed course without giving USA 10 room to keep clear, thereby breaking RRS 16

### DECISION

Protest Upheld

BRA 18 is to be scored DCT (Disqualified for causing a tangle)

USA 10 is to be granted redress and awarded average score of the other three races that day

**Date & Time:**

### PROTEST COMMITTEE

**Chaired By:** Dick Watts (USA)

**Committee Members:** Justin Oberbauer (USA), Dick Watts (USA), Donald Wieneke (USA)

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