

DECISION

Request No.: 21

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2024 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: 16
Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-17 15:45

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 21: Formula Kite - F - NED 179 - Annelous Lammerts
Formula Kite - F - ITA 135 - Maggie Pescetto

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: Protest hailed

Red Flag Displayed: N/A

Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).
2. Casper Bouman (coach of NED 179) attended the hearing as an observer.
3. NED 179 provided video evidence.

FACTS FOUND

1. The wind speed was up to 14 knots, with choppy water.
2. ITA 135 and NED 179 were reaching towards the finishing line on leg 6 both on starboard tack, with ITA 135, 20 meters clear ahead and to leeward of NED 179 at a lateral distance of 15 meters.
3. ITA 135 lost control and fell into the water with her kite rising to 11 o'clock.
4. NED 179 lifted her kite in response.
5. There was an immediate contact between the lines of ITA 135 and the leeward kite tip of NED 179 causing NED 179's kite to fall into the water and tangle with itself.
6. There was no damage or injury.
7. NED 179 capsized and was rescued after 15 minutes.
8. NED 179 did not finish the race.
9. ITA 135 recovered and finished the race.
10. ITA 135 did not take a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 14, 62.1(b), F2.22.2 and N1.4(b)

1. While recovering, ITA 135 failed to keep clear of NED 179 who was not recovering, and broke RRS F2.22.2.
2. ITA 135 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for NED 179, the right-of-way kiteboard, to avoid contact with ITA 135 when it was clear that ITA 135 was not keeping clear. NED 179 did not break RRS 14.
4. There was neither damage or injury therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1(b) are not met.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2024-05-17 15:42 CEST

ITA 135 is DSQ in race F4. Redress not given.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee
Chaired By: Alan Baser (GBR)

