DECISION Request No.: 01

**Request for Redress** 

Event: 2024 Thursday Night Foil Series Race Number: 1

Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-06 19:00

**PARTIES AND WITNESSES** 

Request No.: 01: 23 - Vladimir Mezhibovsky

**VALIDITY** 

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit Submitted via email 2024 04 25 at

20:21

Incident Identified: Yes

**Proper Hail:** Hail not required Redress request only **Red Flag Displayed:** Not required Redress request only

**Decision:** Request Valid Per RRS 62.2

## **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Vlad stated that he has not previously requested redress in a kiteboard race. Vlad also confirmed that he is requesting redress only and has not filed a protest.

## **FACTS FOUND**

- 1. On final approach to the start of Race 1, Vlad (Board 23) established a position immediately astern of Zach (Board TBD).
- 2. When the boards were abeam the RC vessel, Vlad observed a gust of wind hit Zach's kite. Zach was pulled forward by the gust, collapsed forward onto his board, and appeared to lose control of his kite.
- 3. At the time of incident, Vlad was 2 meters astern.
- 4. Vlad jumped off of his own board into the water and ejected his kite. During these maneuvers, Vlad and Zach's kites became tangled.
- 5. Vlad's bridle was damaged in the incident.
- 6. Zach sailed on and finished the race
- 7. Vlad was returned to shore by an RC vessel, but was unable to repair his bridle or rig a replacement until after the start of Race 2. He did not finish either Race 1 or Race 2.
- 8. No protest was made in connection with this incident. Vlad stated that he believed Zach did not break a rule.
- 9. No board took a penalty.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

Rules: 62.1(b)

Vlad's scores in Race 1 and Race 2 were made significantly worse by his need to avoid Zach. Zach, however was not protested or penalized in this incident, nor did he take a penalty. Therefore, the requirements for Vlad to receive redress under RRS 62.1(b) are not met.

**Date & Time:** 2024-05-06 19:45 PDT

Redress is not given.

## PROTEST COMMITTEE

Committee Type Protest Committee Chaired By: Greg Meagher (USA)

Committee Members: Bryan McDonald (USA)

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