DECISION

Request for Redress

Event: 2024 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: F5 Hearing Schedule: 2024-05-18 15:40

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 27: Formula Kite - M - FRA 44 - Nell De Jaham

Formula Kite - M - GBR 98 - Samuel Dickinson

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

Proper Hail: N/A

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. At the beginning of the hearing, FRA 44 confirmed the hearing request was only a request for redress.

FACTS FOUND

- 1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 12-14 knots of wind and flat water.
- 2. Entering the zone of mark 4 (course X2) for the final rounding, FRA 44 was sailing on starboard tack and GBR 98 on port tack.
- 3. FRA 44 rounded the mark, leaving it on starboard side, as required.
- 4. FRA 44 was then on a collision course with GBR 98, which was sailing on a course to leave the mark on port side.
- 5. When the kites were 5m away, FRA 44 lifted his kite to avoid contact.
- 6. Contact occurred between FRA 44's kite and GBR 98's lines, causing tangle and a 10cm tear to FRA 44's kite.
- 7. Both kiteboards remained tangled for more than 5 minutes.
- 8. FRA 44 and GBR 98 did not finish race F5.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 62.1 and N1.4(b)

- 1. GBR 98 on port tack failed to keep clear of FRA 44 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
- 2. GBR 98 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
- 3. By retiring, GBR 98 took an appropriate penalty under RRS F4.44.1(b).
- 4. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 44, the right-of-way kiteboard, to avoid contact with GBR 98 when it was clear that GBR 98 was not keeping clear. FRA 44 did not break RRS 14.
- 5. FRA 44's score in race F5 was made significantly worse through tangle. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 62.1 are not met.

DECISION

Redress is not given.

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PROTEST COMMITTEE Committee Type International Jury Chaired By: Heiko Falch (GER) Committee Members: Yoann Peronneau (FRA), Sandy Grosvenor (USA)

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