DECISION Request No.: 01

**Protest and Request for Redress** 

Event: Abu Dhabi Kitesurf Open 2020 Race Number: 9

Hearing Date: 2020-02-14

#### **PARTIES AND WITNESSES**

Request No.: 01: KITESURF OPEN - M - BUL 9 - ALEXANDER BACHEV

KITESURF OPEN - M - MON 7 - ALEXANDER EHLEN

## **VALIDITY**

Objection to Jury: No

Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit

Incident Identified: Yes

**Proper Hail:** Protest hailed **Red Flag Displayed:** Not required

**DECISION:** Request Valid

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

MON 7 retired from race 9 before the start of the hearing

#### **FACTS FOUND**

MON 7, BUL 9 were approaching the windward mark layline for the first time on positions 3 and 4 on port, MON 7 to leeward and 3 meters clear ahead of BUL 9.

MON 7 lifted her kite. BUL 9 lifted her kite immediately and contact occurred between their kites.

The kites of MON 7 and BUL 9 got tangled.

After 30 seconds they untangled and sailed on.

BUL 9 finished in 7th place and MON 7 in 9th

**Diagram:** Diagram not endorsed

# **CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY**

- 1. MON 7 right of way, changed the position of her kite without giving room to BUL 9 to keep clear, breaking rule 16.1 and 14
- 2. It was not reasonably possible for BUL 9 to avoid the contact, therefore she did not break rule 14
- 3. The score of BUL 9 was made significantly worse in race 9 through no fault of her own by a tangle caused by the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of part 2

# **DECISION**

MON 7 is RCT in race 9

BUL 7 is given redress in race 9 and will be scored points equal to the average of her scores in the other races of the day rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward). This shall not change the score of the other kiteboards.

## **PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Chaired By: Ewa Jodlowska (POL)

Committee Members: Anas Aalkharbootly (UAE), Marina Psychogyiou (GRE) Chris Attkins (GBR), Patrick Kuczus Lutomski (POL)

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