

DECISION

Request No.: 15

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2021 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: 9
Hearing Schedule: 2021-10-15 18:45

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 15: Formula Kite - Female - FRA 129 - Nina Bivaud
Formula Kite - Female - NZL 141 - Justina Kitchen

VALIDITY

Objection to Jury: No
Within Time Limit: Within Time Limit
Incident Identified: Yes
Proper Hail: Protest hailed
Red Flag Displayed: Yes
Decision: Request Valid

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

FACTS FOUND

1. Second upwind leg, wind up to 20 knots.
2. FRA 129 and NZL 141 were sailing both on starboard tack on a close-hauled course.
3. NZL 141 was to leeward of FRA 129.
4. NZL 141 tacked to port.
5. There was contact with damage between kites and lines.
6. NZL 141 and FRA 129 tangled.
7. Damage on FRA 129 and NZL 141 are broken bridles.
8. NZL 141 and FRA 129 did not finish race 9 and did not start in race 10.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: RRS 10, 14, 62.1(b)

1. NZL 141 on port did not keep clear of FRA 129 on starboard breaking rules 10 and 14.
2. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 129 to avoid the contact, therefore she did not break rule 14.
3. The score of FRA 129 was made significantly worse in race 9 by the tangle.
4. The score of FRA 129 was made significantly worse in race 10 through no fault of her own by damage caused by the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of part 2 and took an appropriate penalty.

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Date & Time: 2021-10-15 19:04 CEST

NZL 141 retired. No further penalty imposed but the incident is counted to determine the number of tangles the kiteboard has caused during the event.
FRA 129 is given redress in race 10 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: Arnaud Mante (FRA)
Committee Members: Marina Psychogyiou (GRE), Anastazja Lewandowska (POL), Alan Baser (GBR), Marco Giampà (ITA)