

DECISION

Protest and Request for Redress

Request No.: 05

Heard Jointly With Number(s): 06

Event: 2022 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: Blue 4
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-11 18:15

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 05: Formula Kite - Blue - 181 - Evan Heffernan

FK - Men - DOM 170 - Deury Javier Corniel

Request No.: 06: Kitefoil - Blue - 170 - Deury Corniel

FK - Men - USA 181 - Evan Heffernan

Race Committee

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. Downwind leg, USA on starboard, DOM on port. Both on converging courses.
2. DOM cross in front of USA.
3. During the gybe of DOM, just before changing tack, there is a contact between the kites.
4. Kites tangle together and were in the water during more than 1 minute.
5. Both boards retired.
6. USA: 5 broken bridles.
7. DOM: some broken bridles and small holes in kite.
8. No injury.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 14

1. DOM on port did not keep clear of USA on starboard, breaking RRS 10.
2. It was not reasonably possible for USA to avoid the contact, therefore she did not break RRS 14.
3. DOM did not avoid contact with USA when it was reasonably possible, breaking RRS 14.

DECISION

Date & Time: 2022-10-11 19:28 CEST

Since DOM took an appropriate penalty, she is no further penalized under 64.2(a). However, the incident is counted to determine the number of tangles the kiteboard has caused during the event under RRS F5.64.2(c).
Redress not given.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Andres Perez (ESP)

Committee Members: Line Juhl (DEN), Arnaud Mante (FRA)