

DECISION

Request No.: 39

Protest and Request for Redress

Event: 2022 Formula Kite World Championships Race Number: F6
Hearing Schedule: 2022-10-15 18:25

PARTIES AND WITNESSES

Request No.: 39: FK - Men - POR 158 - Tomas Pires De Lima

FK - Men - SUI 194 - Bruce Kessler

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

Heard under N1.4

FACTS FOUND

1. Approaching Mark 1 in race F6, POR was sailing on starboard tack on the layline, but in a low lane.
2. There were a line of boards approaching the mark on the layline.
3. SUI was approaching the mark on port tack.
4. SUI kite was in the course of POR
5. At 20 metres, POR bore away.
6. SUI started to slow and raise the kite.
7. SUI shortly thereafter bore away, maintaining the collision course.
8. The boards passed closely with POR still on starboard and SUI still on port.
9. POR's kite passed under SUI's kite.
10. As they were passing the kites made contact.
11. One of POR's line broke and the kite collapsed.
12. POR attempted to re-tie the line but it failed to remain tied on each occasion.
13. SUI finished the race in position 21.
14. POR retired.
15. POR's kite kept collapsing so he was taken ashore by boat to change his kite.
16. POR returned to the race area towards the end of race F7 and did not compete in that race.

Diagram: Diagram not endorsed

CONCLUSIONS AND RULES THAT APPLY

Rules: 10, 62.1(b)

SUI a port tack board did not keep clear of POR on starboard and broke RRS 10.

POR's position was made significantly worse through no fault of its own by damage caused by a board breaking a rule of Part 2.

DECISION

SUI 194 is DSQ in race F6.

Date & Time: 2022-10-15 18:23 CEST

Redress is granted to POR 158, she is to be scored 21 in race F6.

POR 158 is to be scored in race F7 points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in races F1-F8, except race F7; this shall be calculated after the score of race F6 has been updated to include the redress given for that race.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Chaired By: Line Juhl (DEN)

Committee Members: Alan Baser (GBR), Antonio Gonzalez de la Madrid (ESP)