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27TH MARCH TO 4TH APRIL
MALLORCA / SPAIN 2026

Protest nr: 04

Class	FORMULA KITE Men
Protestor	BRA LP27 - Lucas Pes Fonseca
Protestee	GBR MM119 - Mattia Maini
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	At the start line, 4 seconds after the star of the seconde race, rider number 61 he crashed his kite right on me causing a damage to my kite (breaking a pulley) and not allowing to finish the race because of the tangle and the broken pulley..
Date/Time of hearing	31 Mar 2025 at 15:50
Location	Jury Container
Procedural matters	1. BRA LP27 was represented by Lucas Pes Fonseca. 2. GBR MM119 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.1(b). 3. BRA LP27 provided video evidence. 4. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).
Facts found	1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 12-15 knots of wind and 50 cm waves. 2. Four seconds after the starting signal of race 2Q, BRA LP27 and GBR MM119 were sailing on starboard tack with BRA LP27 being 10 m clear astern and 2 m to leeward of GBR MM119. 3. GBR MM 119 had an incident with an unidentified kiteboard, causing her competitor to fall into the water, but keeping the kite uncontrolled in a low position. 4. When GBR MM119's competitor fell into the water, BRA LP27 bore away sharply. 5. Within one second after BRA LP27 bore away, contact but not tangle occurred between GBR MM119's lines and kite and BRA LP27's competitor, board and lines. 6. At the time when the contact occurred, GBR MM119's kite fell into the water. 7. BRA LP27's pulley system and middle lines broke, making her kite uncontrollable. GBR MM119's kite was damaged. 8. GBR MM119 and BRA LP27 retired from race 2Q and were taken back to beach by their coach vessel. 9. BRA LP27 replaced her kite and raced in the following race.

Conclusion	1. After GBR MM119's competitor had fallen into the water and before her kite was in the water, she was recovering under RRS Appendix F Definition Recovering. 2. While recovering, GBR MM119 failed to keep clear of BRA LP27 who was not recovering, and broke RRS F2.22.2. 3. GBR MM119 did not avoid contact with BRA LP27 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a). 4. Since GBR MM119 caused serious damage by her breach, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS F4.44.1(b). 5. At the moment GBR MM119's kite fell into the water, it was not possible for BRA LP 27 to avoid GBR MM 119 who was capsized. BRA LP27 did not break F2.22.1. 6. It was not reasonably possible for BRA LP27, the right-of-way kiteboarder, to avoid contact with GBR MM119 when it became clear that GBR MM119 was not keeping clear. BRA LP27 did not break RRS 14(a). 7. BRA LP27's score in race 2Q was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of GBR MM119 that was breaking RRS F2.22.2 and 14(a) and took an appropriate penalty. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b)(2) are met.
Rules applicables	RRS 14(a), 60.5(c)(2), 61.4(b)(1), 63.1(b), Appendix F Definition Recovering, F2.22.1, F2.22.2, F4.44.1(b), N1.4(b)
Jury Decision:	1. The protest is upheld. Since GBR MM119 took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2). 2. Redress is given to BRA LP27. BRA LP27 is to be scored in race 2Q points equal to the average, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point (0.05 to be rounded upward), of her points in all races sailed on 31 March and 1 April, except race 2Q. No other kiteboards's score shall change.
Date of decision:	31 Mar 2025 at 17:15
Jury members	Carlos Garcia Motta, IJ (ESP), Finn Mrugalla, IJ (ESP), Cxema Pico, IJ/IU (IRL)

Signature: