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Protest nr: 09

Class	IQ FOIL Men
Protestor	SLO 31 - Val Erzen
Protestee	FRA 312 - Fabien Pianazza
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	Braking the rule of port starbord
Date/Time of hearing	1 Apr 2025 at 18:37
Location	Hearing Room - Portixol
Procedural matters	Original protest and request for redress: 1. The panel of the international jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b). 2. FRA 312 was represented by Fabien Pienazza. 3. SLO 31 was represented by Val Erzen. Decision for reopening: 1. The hearing request submitted by SLO 31 was a protest and a request for redress. The form stated "broken front wing" as physical damage because of an action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2 (RRS 10). 2. During the original hearing it was established that the protestee broke a rule of Part 2 and took an appropriate penalty. 3. The panel of the international jury decided that SLO 31's request for redress was not valid since it did not state how SLO 31's score was made significantly worse. 4. By stating that there was physical damage because of the action of a board that was breaking a rule of Part 2, SLO 31 identified the reason for making the request for redress, in accordance with RRS 61.2(a). 5. The panel of the international jury made a significant error in the original hearing. Therefore, the requirements in RRS 63.7(a)(2) for reopening the hearing are met. 6. Hearing No. 9 is reopened. Reopened request for redress: 1. The panel of the international jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b). 2. The panel was changed in accordance with RRS 63.7(c)(2): Hrvoje Ban (NJ-CRO) and Pablo Macias (IJ-ESP) were replaced by Hella Bouma (IJ-NED) and Mina Stanikic (IJ-SRB). 3. SLO 31 was represented by Val Erzen.

Facts found

Protest:

1. Race 2 of the iQFOiL Men was a course race.
2. The conditions at the time of the incident were 16 knots of wind and choppy waves.
3. SLO 31 and FRA 312 were foiling on close hauled towards the starting line.
4. FRA 312 was on port tack on a collision course with SLO 31, who was on starboard tack.
5. When the boards were 10 meters apart, SLO 31 luffed and two seconds later, FRA 321 luffed as well.
6. Immediately after, contact occurred between the port side of SLO 31's front wing and FRA 312's foil mast. The contact resulted in a deep cut on SLO 31's front wing.
7. FRA 312 had a tear along the middle part of the sail from the batten to the mast.
8. Both boards capsized.
9. SLO 31 finished the race on 42nd place. FRA 312 retired from the race.

Original request for redress:

1. The request form did not state how SLO 31's score was made significantly worse.

Reopened request for redress:

1. SLO 31 was capsized for approximately 30 seconds.
2. The deep cut on SLO 31's front wing made the board unstable and pushing it down.

Conclusion	Protest: 1. FRA 312 on port tack failed to keep clear of SLO 31 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10. 2. FRA 312 did not avoid contact with SLO 31 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a). 3. It was not reasonably possible for SLO 31 the right-of-way board to avoid contact with FRA 312 when it became clear that FRA 312 was not keeping clear. SLO 31 did not break RRS 14(a). 4. By retiring FRA 312 took an applicable penalty. Original request for redress: 1. The request for redress did not identify the reasons for making it, as required by RRS 61.2.(a) Reopened request for redress: 1. SLO 31's score in race was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by capsizing and physical damage because of the action of FRA 312 that broke RRS 10 and 14(a) and took the appropriate penalty. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b)(2) as changed by RRS B5.61.4 are met.
Rules applicables	RRS 10, 14(a), 60.5(c)(2), 61.2.(a), 63.7(a)(2), 63.7(c)(2), B5.61.4(b)(2) and N1.4(b).
Jury Decision:	Protest: The protest is upheld. Since FRA 312 took an applicable penalty, she is not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2). Request for redress: Redress is given to SLO 31. Course racing / Marathon racing in the Qualifying series will count as a "series" for the purpose of WS Case 116. SLO 31 is to be scored in race 2 average points in accordance with rule A9(a), based on Course and Marathon races in the Qualifying Series, except race 2, but not worse than their finishing place. Results from Sprint races should not be included in this calculation. No other boards scores shall change.
Date of decision:	31 Mar 2025 at 15:55
Jury members	Stavros Kouris IJ (GRE)(c), Mina Stanikic (IJ-SRB) and Hella Bouma (IJ-NED)(s)

Signature:



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