



Spain 2026
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Protest nr: 24

Class	FORMULA KITE Men
Protestor	POR TP2 - Tomás Pires De Lima
Protestee	ESP MC78 - Mateo Codoñer
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	Me and Spanish Sailor were both sailing on starboard approaching mark 1, overlapped, myself leeward. Spain flew into me coming from windward causing collision between kites and boards. As a result of the collision I broke my lines, and could not finish the race. Informed Spain of the protest during the incident and he retired from the race. I seek a redress.
Date/Time of hearing	1 Apr 2025 at 19:00
Location	Jury Container
Procedural matters	1. POR TP2 was represented by Tomás Pires De Lima. 2. ESP MC78 was represented by Mateo Codoñer. 3. Enric Noguera (coach of ESP MC78) attended the hearing as an observer. 4. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

Facts found	1. Race 5 of the yellow fleet. 2. Conditions at the time of the incident were 9 knots with light chop. 3. POR TP2 was fetching windward mark close-hauled on starboard tack on a converging course with ESP MC78 who was on port tack. 4. POR TP2 was 1 board length clear astern and 1 board length to windward of an unidentified kiteboard. 5. ESP MC78 passed in front of POR TP2 in a distance of approximately 20 metres from POR TP2. 6. ESP MC78 lifted her kite and tacked on to starboard tack. 7. ESP MC78 finished her tack 1 board length clear ahead and 4 metres to windward of the unidentified kiteboard. 8. As ESP MC78 was lowering her kite, contact occurred between the lines of the unidentified kiteboard and the lower tip of ESP MC78 causing ESP MC78's kite to fold in. 9. Shortly after, contact occurred between the kites and lines of POR TP2 and ESP MC78 and then between their boards and foils, resulting in a tangle. 10. POR TP2 had a broken steering line and scratches on the leading edge of his foil. ESP MC78 had a 3 centimetre tear in his front wing. 11. ESP MC78 and POR TP2 were approximately at position 10-14 before the incident. 12. ESP MC78 and POR TP2 took 1 minute to untangle. 13. After ESP MC78 and POR TP2 had untangled, all other kiteboards had rounded the windward mark. 14. 25 Kiteboards finished the race 5Q. 15. ESP MC78 did not finish the race.
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Conclusion	1. When changing the position of her kite, ESP MC78 the right-of-way kiteboard failed to give the unidentified kiteboard room to continue keeping clear, and broke RRS F2.16.1. 2. The clear astern unidentified kiteboard failed to keep clear of ESP MC78 clear ahead, and broke RRS 12. 3. Since the unidentified kiteboard broke RRS 12 while she was sailing within the room to which she was entitled, she is exonerated under RRS 43.1(b) for this breach. 4. ESP MC78 did not avoid contact with the unidentified kiteboard and POR TP2 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a). 5. It was not reasonably possible for POR TP2 and the unidentified kiteboard who were sailing within the room to which they were entitled to avoid contact with ESP MC78 when it became clear that ESP MC78 was not giving room. POR TP2 did not break RRS 14(a). 6. While recovering, ESP MC78 failed to keep clear of POR TP2 who was not recovering, and broke RRS F2.22.2. 7. Since ESP MC78 caused serious damage and a tangle by her breach, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS F4.44.1(b). 8. POR TP2's score in race 5Q was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action of ESP MC78 that was breaking RRS F2.22.2 and took an appropriate penalty. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b)(2) are met.
Rules applicables	RRS 12, 14(a), 43.1(b), 60.5(c)(2), 61.4(b)(2), F2.16.1, F2.22.2, F4.44.1(b), F5.60.5(e), N1.4(b)
Jury Decision:	1. The protest is upheld. Since ESP MC78 took an applicable penalty by retiring, she is not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2). However, the incident is counted to determine the number of tangles the kiteboard has caused during the event under RRS F5.60.5(e). 2. Redress is given to POR TP2. POR TP2 is to be scored in race 5Q 26 points. No other kiteboard's score shall change.
Date of decision:	1 Apr 2025 at 19:53
Jury members	Finn Mrugalla, IJ (GER), Václav Brabec, IJ (CZE), Pablo Marcias, IJ (ESP)
Signature:	