



Spain 2026
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Sailing Grand Slam

Protest nr: 39

Class	FORMULA KITE WOMEN
Protestor	ISR MA9 - Maya Ashkenazi
Protestee	POL JD16 - Julia Damasiewicz
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	Number 4 fell into the water on mark 3 and left me no time to clear kite tangled brok my bridle and I didn't race at race number 9, 10
Date/Time of hearing	2 Apr 2025 at 15:20
Location	Jury Container
Procedural matters	1. ISR MA9 was represented by Maya Ashkenazi. 2. POL JD16 was represented by Julia Damasiewicz. 3. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

Facts found	1. The incident occurred in race 9 of the women's fleet. The course to be sailed was B2. 2. The conditions at the time of the incident were 12 knots of wind and flat water. 3. NED AL5, POL JD16 and ISR MA9 were sailing on starboard-tack on leg 3, approaching mark 3. 4. When POL JD16 entered the zone of mark 3, she was clear astern and 10 m to windward of NED AL5 and sailing faster than NED AL5. 5. At that that time, ISR MA9 was 5 m clear astern and 5 m to leeward of POL JD16. 6. Inside the zone, POL JD16 established a windward overlap with NED AL5 with 2.5m lateral distance between their hulls. 7. While rounding the mark, NED AL5 put her kite up. POL JD16 also put her kite to 12 o'clock but immediate contact between tips of the kites occurred, causing the tip of POL JD16's kite to fold in. 8. At a distance of 1.5m from mark 3, POL JD16 dropped off the foil, the competitor fell into the water, keeping her kite at 12 o'clock. 9. Within 1 second, contact occurred between the kite and lines of ISR MA9 and POL JD16, causing their kites to get tangled. 10. ISR MA9 and POL JD16 both capsized and were tangled for 5 minutes, before retiring from race 9 and receiving help from their coaches. 11. It took an additional 5 minutes, with help of coaches, for ISR MA9 and POL JD16 to get untangled. By that time, race 9 was completed. 12. No damage occurred to POL JD16; she recovered 2 minutes before the starting signal of race 10 and sailed in the race. 13. ISR MA9 broke one steering line and several bridles, which made it impossible for her to recover afloat. 14. ISR MA9 was taken back to the beach by her coach, replaced the kite and sailed in races 11 and 12.
Conclusion	1. While recovering, POL JD16 failed to keep clear of ISR MA9 who was not recovering, and broke RRS F2.22.2. 2. POL JD16 did not avoid contact with ISR MA9 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a). 3. Since POL MA9 caused serious damage and a tangle by her breach, her penalty was to retire as required by RRS F4.44.1(b). 4. It was not reasonably possible for ISR MA9, the right-of-way kiteboard, to avoid contact with POL JD16 when it became clear that POL JD16 was not keeping clear. ISR did not break RRS 14(a). 5. ISR MA9's score in race 9 was made worse by the tangle and capsize but not by the damage. Therefore, the requirements for redress under RRS 61.4(b)(2) are not met for race 9. 6. ISR MA9's score in race 10 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by physical damage because of the action POL JD16 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)(2), F2.22.2, F4.44.1(b), F5.60.5(e), N1.4(b)
Jury Decision:	1. The protest is upheld. Since POL JD16 took an applicable penalty, she is



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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 ISR MA9. ISR MA9 is to be scored in race 10 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 before 4 April, except race 9 and 10. No other kiteboards's score shall change.

Date of decision:	2 Apr 2025 at 16:00
Jury members	Hrvoje Ban, NJ (CRO)(c), Finn Mrugalla, IJ (GER)(s), Aleksander Prusinski, IJ (POL)

Signature:

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