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MALLORCA / SPAIN 2026



Protest nr: 57

Class	IQ FOIL Women
Protestor	POL 77 - Zofia Noceti Klepacka
Protestee	FRA 712 - Manon Pianazza
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	in race 15 there was a collision before mark number 1, I was sailing on starboard tack towards mark FRA 712 sailing on port tack. I tried to avoid contact by sharpening, but there was a collision and I have a damaged wing. Rule 10.
Date/Time of hearing	3 Apr 2025 at 14:20
Location	Hearing Room - Portixol
Procedural matters	1. The panel of the international jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b). 2. POL 77 was represented by Zofia Noceti Klepacka . 3. FRA 712 was represented by Manon Pianazza. 4. Nicolas Huguet (coach of FRA 712) attended the hearing as an observer.
Facts found	1. Race 15 of the iQFoil women's fleet was a course race. 2. The conditions at the time of the incident were 15 knots of wind gusting to 18 knots, with relatively flat water. 3. POL 77 and FRA 712 were foiling on the beat towards mark 1. POL 77 was on starboard tack on a collision course with FRA 712, on port tack. 4. When the boards were 1-2 board lengths apart, FRA 712 held her course and tried to passed in front of POL 77. POL 77 luffed sharply. 5. Immediately, contact occurred between POL 77's bottom part of the board and the leading edge of the front wing, and the starboard side of FRA 712's stern of the board. 6. The contact resulted in a small superficial scratch on POL 77's wing. 7. POL 77 fell in the water. POL 77, resumed sailing 30 seconds later. 8. POL 77 was around 25th to 28th place at the time of the incident. POL 77 finished the race in 49th place. 9. FRA 712 did a 360°-Turn Penalty and continued sailing.

Conclusion	1. FRA 712 on port tack failed to keep clear of POL 77 on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10. 2. FRA 712 did not avoid contact with POL 77 even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a). 3. It was not reasonably possible for POL 77, the right-of-way board to avoid contact with FRA 712 when it became clear that FRA 712 was not keeping clear. POL 77 did not break RRS 14(a). 4. Since the damage did not adversely impact the performance of the board in a significant way, or the cost of repair will not diminish the market value of the board, the damage is not considered as serious damage. 5. Since the damage was not serious, FRA 712 took an applicable penalty. 5. POL 77's place in race 15 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by capsizing because of the action of FRA 712 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), B5.61.4(b)(2), N1.4(b)
Jury Decision:	The protest is upheld. Since FRA 712 took an applicable penalty, they are not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2). Redress is given to POL 77. Course racing / Marathon racing in the Opening series will count as a "series" for the purpose of WS Case 116. POL 77 is to be scored in race 15 average points in accordance with rule A9(a), based on Course and Marathon races in the Opening series, except race 15, 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:	3 Apr 2025 at 14:51
Jury members	Vaclav Brabec IJ (CZE)(c), Stavros Kouris IJ (GRE)(s), Luis Jordan NJ (ESP)

Signature: