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Protest nr: 82

Class	IQ FOIL Men
Protestor	NOR 1501 - Felix Dybdahl
Protestee	JPN 550 - Takashi Inoue
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	I started on starboard and Japan on port. While the port and starboard and port starters where crossing each other i screamed to get room. But Japan did not give room and our boards collided. I told him that I had to protest him. After the collision I was forced to go to shore to make sure my bord was not soaking in water.
Date/Time of hearing	3 Apr 2025 at 18:40
Location	Hearing Room - Portixol
Procedural matters	1. The panel of the international jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b). 2. JPN 550 was represented by Takashi Inoue. 3. NOR 1501 was represented by Felix Dybdahl. 4. Shinya Kumeda (coach of JPN 550) and Masahiro Yoshimoor (support person of JPN 550) attended the hearing as observers.
Facts found	1. Race 15 of the iQFOiL Men Silver Fleet was a course race. 2. The conditions at the time of the incident were up to 20 knots of wind and choppy waves. 3. NOR 1501 and JPN 550 were foiling towards the starting line. 4. JPN 550 was on port tack, on a collision course with NOR 1501, who was on starboard tack. 5. Fifteen seconds after the start and when the boards were 50 metres apart, NOR 1501 screamed several times "starboard" and kept his course and speed thereafter. 6. When 3 meters apart, JPN 550 luffed sharply and immediately after, there was contact between the port side of NOR 1501's hull and the front wing of JPN 550. 7. There was a 15 cm x 10 cm open crack in NOR 1501's port side of the board, causing the water to get in. 8. NOR 1501 and JPN 550 both capsized. 9. NOR 1501 retired from race 15 and did not start in race 16 because the damage was beyond repair. 10. JPN 550 retired from race 15.



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Conclusion	1. JPN 550 on port tack failed to keep clear of NOR 1501 on starboard tack and broke RRS 10. 2. JPN 550 did not avoid contact with NOR 1501 even though it was reasonably possible and broke RRS 14(a). 3. When it became clear that JPN 550 was not keeping clear, it was reasonably possible for NOR 1501, the right-of-way board, to avoid contact with JPN 550. NOR 1501 broke RRS 14(a). 4. By retiring, NOR 1501 and JPN 550 took an applicable penalty as required by RRS B4.44.1. 5. NOR 1501's score in race 15 was made significantly worse through her own fault. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 64.1(b) are not met.
Rules applicables	RRS 10, 14(a), 60.5(c)(2), 64.1(b), B4.44.1 and N1.4(b)
Jury Decision:	1. The protest is upheld. Since NOR 1501 and JPN 550 took an applicable penalty, they are not further penalized under RRS 60.5(c)(2). 2. Redress is not given.
Date of decision:	3 Apr 2025 at 20:57
Jury members	Fran Vidal (IJ-ESP)(c), Anastazja Lewandowska (IJ-POL)(s), Hella Bouma (IJ-NED)

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