



Spain 2026
SAILING
GRAND SLAM
27TH MARCH TO 4TH APRIL
MALLORCA / SPAIN 2026



Protest nr: 98

Class	
Protestor	FRA 7 - Adrien Mestre
Protestee	Race Committee
Witnesses	
Type	protest & redress
Incident	I was sailing heat n2. I was sailing in the leader group and we never seen any signs of the race to be cancelled. i finished the race in 5th position with in the time limit. So i dont anderstand why this race would be abandonned and i want my score to count. I think 12 guys are in the same situation as me.
Date/Time of hearing	4 Apr 2025 at 19:45
Location	Hearing Room - Portixol
Procedural matters	1. Hearing No. 92, 99, 100, 101, 103 and 104 were heard together with hearing No. 98 in accordance with RRS 63.(2)(b) since all hearings related to the same request for redress. 2. FRA 7 was represented by Adrian Mestre. 3. AUS 3 was represented by Rory Meehan. 4. ISR 24 was represented by Yoav Omer. 5. Julien Bonterps (coach of FRA 7), Mitch Pearson (coach of AUS 3), Matthew Quinlan (AUS 198 representative) and Gal Fridman (coach of ISR 24) attended the hearing as observers. 6. ISR 851, FRA 1, ARU 4 and POL 1 did not come to the hearing, the hearing proceeded in accordance with RRS 63.1(b). 7. The panel of the International Jury was composed in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).

Facts found	1. Race 18 was an upwind sprint race. 2. Race 18 Heat 2 started at 11:37. 3. Race 18 Heat 2 fleet had 17 boards. 4. The first board on that heat sailed the course and finished at 11:46. 5. Seven more boards in that heat sailed the course and finished within 1.5 minutes. 6. At 11:47 the race committee displayed November over numeral 3 at the starting vessel. 7. Heat number 3 was at that time rounding mark number 1 and starting to sail leg 2 and the rear of heat 2 fleet were still on leg 2. 8. At 11:48 the mark layer displayed november without a numeral on leg 2. 9. Three more boards from heat 2 finished within the time window. 10. 2 more heat 2 boards crossed the finish line after the finish window had expired. 11. In total, 4 boards from heat 2 did not finish. 12. Due to the lack of wind there was a long postponement. 13. At 14:00 the race committee decided to abandon Race 18 Heat number 2 and published a notice (Notice 19) on the ONB with this information. 14. Race 18 Heat 2 was resailed later that day. 15. After completing race 18 the heats were reassigned, and the gold fleet completed races 19 and 20.
Conclusion	1. By displaying Flag N without a numeral in a race where more than one heat were racing the race committee made an improper action. 2. In addition, by later on deciding to abandon Race 18, without considering that the fairness of the race would not have been affected due to the light winds and the impossibility that the boards that have seen the N Flag, would have ever finished race 18 heat 2 within the time window, the race committee also made an improper omission and action. 3. FRA 7, AUS 3, ISR 24, ISR 851, FRA 1, ARU 4's score in race 18 Heat 2 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by an improper action and improper omission of the race committee. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b) (1) are met.
Rules applicables	
Jury Decision:	Redress is given. The abandoned Race 18 Heat 2 results shall be reinstated and will replace the results of the resailed Race 18 Heat 2.
Date of decision:	4 Apr 2025 at 22:00
Jury members	Francisco Vidal IJ (ESP), Hella Bouma IJ (NED), Cxema Pico IJ (IRL)
Signature:	



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