

Hearing Decision



FRENCH OLYMPIC WEEK

Case Number 71	With Case 81	Race Number 19	Hearing Status Closed
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Type of Hearing

Protest - an allegation that one or more boats broke a rule

Valid yes	Date of Race 29/04	Received Time 13:28:29
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PARTIES

Class/Fleet	Fleet	Boat or Committee or Person	Represented By/Not Present
FORMULA KITE W	Single	GBR 41	Lily Young
FORMULA KITE W	Single	FRA 16	Jessie Kampman

Witnesses

Name	Boat - Committee - Role
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Case Summary:

An incident sailing upwind between two kiteboards

Procedural Matters:

1. The hearing was heard by a panel of three members in accordance with RRS N1.4(b).
2. Hearing No. 71 was heard together with Hearing No. 81 in accordance with RRS 63.2 since both hearings arose from the same incident.

Facts Found:

1. Sailing conditions: 10-12 knot windspeed, flat water
2. Race 19 second upwind, GBR 41 close-hauled on port tack leeward of FRA 16 also on port tack.
3. Both boards overlapped, distance between the boards 2 meters.
4. GBR 41 called FRA 16 at a distance of 50 meters from the starboard layline: "we need to tack soon".
5. 5 seconds later GBR 41 said: "I am going to tack" and soon after: "I am tacking".
6. No arm signals from GBR 41.
7. On the layline at a distance of 50 meters from the mark, GBR 41 started to tack.
8. FRA 16 responded immediately by putting up her kite.
9. At that moment there was contact between the kites.
10. GBR 41 and FRA 16 fell into the water.
11. FRA 16 recovered faster than GBR 41 and rounded the mark ahead of her.

Conclusion & Rules:

1. When changing course and changing the position of her kite, GBR 41 the right-of-way kiteboard failed to give FRA 16 room to continue keeping clear, and broke RRS F2.16.1.
2. GBR 41 did not avoid contact when it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14.
3. It was not reasonably possible for FRA 16 the kiteboard sailing within the room to which she was entitled to avoid contact with GBR 41 when it was clear that GBR 41 was not giving room. FRA 16 did not break RRS 14.

Decision:

GBR 41 is DSQ in race 19.

Short Decision:

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Decision Date

29/04

Decision Time

16:55

Panel Chair

Gonzalo Heredia

Panel Members

Sylvie Harlé, Klaus Lahme