Case Decision

Décision du jury

As of MON 9 NOV 2026 at 19:25

CASE No. 1

Event: W Windsurfing	**Race:** 5
Initiator: FRA	**Respondent:** POL

Protest details: On the final leg of the fifth race, just after rounding the last mark, I overtook POL on the leeward side, a board's length downwind of her. POL beared away towards me, so I had to swerve to avoid a collision.

Procedural matters:

1. FRA was represented by Lila Six Alloncle (athlete).
2. POL was represented by Martinique Suchocka (athlete).
3. Pieric Wattez (coach of FRA) and Natalia Kalinowska (coach of POL) attended the hearing as observers.
4. The International Jury presented tracking evidence of the incident.
5. POL presented video evidence of the incident.
6. Anastazja Lewandowska (member of the International Jury) and Pieric Wattez acted as interpreters for FRA, and Anastazja Lewandowska acted as an interpreter for POL.

Facts found:

1. The conditions at the time of the incident were 12 knots, with gusts of 17 knots.
2. When rounding mark 4P, FRA was 0.5 board lengths clear ahead and in line with POL.
3. After rounding the mark and when reaching on port tack towards the finishing line, POL started pumping and was sailing higher and faster than FRA.
4. POL established a windward overlap with FRA, at a lateral distance of 1 board length.
5. When the boards were overlapped bow to bow, FRA luffed and slowed down.
6. POL passed FRA and became clear ahead. The closest distance between the two boards, while overlapped, was 0.5 board lengths.
7. Neither board took a penalty.

Conclusion:

1. POL to windward kept clear of FRA to leeward, as required by RRS 11.

Rule(s) applicable:
RRS 11

Decision:

The protest is dismissed.

Jury:
Elizabeth Rouget (CAN), Finn Mrugalla (GER), Patric Loydell (RSA), Vicky Chan (HKG), Johanna Poksi (EST)

Signed: _____ Decision Issued: 9 NOV 2026 Time: 17:07

Elizabeth Rouget, Chairman

OMEGA

Case Decision

Décision du jury

As of MON 9 NOV 2026 at 19:25

Legend:
No. Number

OMEGA