Case Decision

Décision du jury

As of TUE 10 NOV 2026 at 18:57

CASE No. 2

Event: W Windsurfing	**Race:** 7
Initiator: LAT	**Respondent:** ALG

Protest details: In race 7, upwind leg , 8 min after start i was going to first mark on starbord and then i met ALG sailor who was on port , i was yelling for her to stop, she started to stop but then accelerated so i couldn't avoid contact and capsized, because of that 2 sailors passed .

Procedural matters:

1. LAT was represented by Marta Dale (athlete).
2. ALG was represented by Thinhinane Bazizen (athlete).
3. Janis Preiss (coach of LAT) and Bouhadjiria Manan (coach of ALG) attended the hearing as observers.
4. Manel Chaib (member of the Race Committee) attended the hearing as interpreter for ALG.
5. The International Jury presented tracking evidence.

Facts found:

1. Conditions during the time of the incident in race 7 of women's fleet were 7 knots of wind and choppy sea.
2. On the first upwind leg, LAT was sailing on starboard tack and ALG was sailing on port tack, boards on a converging course.
3. When the boards were 10 meters apart, LAT hailed to ALG ''Starboard''.
4. When the distance between the boards was 1 board length, ALG slowed down and LAT held her course.
5. Immediately after, ALG accelerated again.
6. Contact occurred between the bow of LAT and the first third of starboard side of the hull of ALG, ALG's sail fell onto LAT and LAT's sail fell into the water.
7. LAT was recovering for 10 seconds.
8. There was no damage or injury.
9. Before the incident, LAT was in 11th place and ALG was in 10th place.
10. Within the time LAT was capsized, 2 boards passed.
11. LAT finished the race in 13th place and ALG in 15th place.
12. Neither board took a penalty.

Conclusion:

1. ALG on port tack failed to keep clear of LAT on starboard tack, and broke RRS 10.
2. ALG did not avoid contact with LAT even though it was reasonably possible, and broke RRS 14(a).
3. It was not reasonably possible for LAT the right-of-way board to avoid contact with ALG when it became clear that ALG was not keeping clear. LAT did not break RRS 14(a).
4. LAT's place in race 7 was made significantly worse through no fault of her own by capsizing because of the action of ALG that broke RRS 10 and 14(a) and was penalized. Therefore, the requirements for redress in RRS 61.4(b)(2) as changed by RRS B5.61.4 are met.

Rule(s) applicable:
RRS 10, 14(a), 61.4(b)(2) and B5.64.4

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Decision:

ALG is DSQ in race 7. Redress is given to LAT. LAT is to be scored 11 points in race 7. No other board's score shall change.

Jury:

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

Signed: _____ Decision Issued: 10 NOV 2026 Time: 17:06

Vicky Chan, Chairman

Legend:

DSQ Disqualified **No.** Number