Racing Rules of Sailing

Tangles

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee and the International Kiteboarding Association

Purpose or Objective

Amend rules 61.1(a)(4), 62.1(b), 14(b) and add new rule 64.1(d) to place tangles on the same level as injury and damage, as races most likely will not be completed and subsequent races missed. Causing tangles has to be treated in a similar way as breaches of rule 42 in Appendix P (with regard to first and subsequent infringements).

Proposal 1

Add new rule F5.61.1(a)(4) as follows:

(4) if the incident results in damage or injury or a tangle that is obvious to the kiteboards involved and one of them intends to protest, the requirements of this rule do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other kiteboard within the time limit of rule 61.3.

Proposal 2

Add new rule F5.62.1(b) as follows:

(b) injury or physical damage or a tangle because of the action of a kiteboard that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear

Proposal 3

Add new rule F2.14(b) as follows:

14 AVOIDING CONTACT

Rule 14(b) is changed to read:

(b) shall be exonerated if she breaks this rule and the contact does not cause damage, injury or a tangle

Proposal 4

Add new rule F5.64.1(d) as follows:
(d) when a kiteboard first breaks a rule of part 2 and, as a result, causes a tangle for which redress is given, she shall be scored RCT if she retired or DCT if she is disqualified. When she does this a second or subsequent time, she shall be scored DNE (disqualification not excludable).

Current Position

The above rules do currently not exist.

Reasons

1. Tangles are the Achilles heel of kiteboard racing and therefore any attempt must be made to limit tangles.

2. Tangles in kiteboarding have a similar effect as damage to boats – the current race cannot be completed and in many cases subsequent races cannot be raced.

3. A tangle is obvious to any kiteboard involved, therefore the protest hail – similar to obvious damage – should be not required.

4. Redress should be granted to a right of way kiteboard involved in a tangle, if she did everything to avoid the tangle. See submission to remove rule F5.62.1(e) to change from granting redress for capsize to granting redress only for tangles.

5. The change in rule 14 requires right of way kiteboards to attempt everything to avoid a tangle, otherwise she shall not be eligible for redress.

6. New rule F5.64.1(d) follows the principles of Appendix P for pumping – a first time breach results in disqualification, every subsequent tangle caused becomes a disqualification non-excludable, which results in competitors sailing more prudent.