Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule F5.64.3(a), Class Rule Protests

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

Purpose or Objective

To provide regulations concerning class rule protests with regard to the registered series production nature of kiteboarding equipment.

Proposal 1

Insert new rule F5.64.3(a):

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64.3 (a) When the protest committee finds that deviations in excess of acceptable manufacturing tolerances were caused by damage or normal wear and do not improve the performance of the kiteboard, it shall not penalize her. However, the kiteboard shall not race again until the deviations have been corrected, except when the protest committee decides there is or has been no reasonable opportunity to do so.

Proposal 2

Insert new rule F5.64.3(b):

64 DECISIONS

64.3 (b) When a protest or request for redress relating to any matter concerning the measurement of a kiteboard, the interpretation of the class rule, or damage of a kiteboard is lodged with the protest committee, the protest committee shall refer the matter together with the relevant facts to an authority responsible for interpreting the rule and be guided by its advice.

Current Position

Standard rules 64.3(a) and (b)

Reasons

1. Kiteboards are registered series production controlled, which means that multiple “one design” kiteboards compete together, and any manufacturer is responsible for an in-house
certification process.

2. However, the current rules do not allow a penalty other than disqualification in case of repairs and normal wear that do not improve performance.

3. The event measurer is the authority to make such decision, and the jury is bound by such decision.