

Kim Andersen (Kim) and the World Sailing “Signature Case”

31 July 2020

Sanction of Kim Andersen by WS Ethics Officer Josep Pla for using the signatures of WS VPs Scott Perry and Gary Jobson without authorisation – Case closed, but not for Kim, who wanted to get rid of the Ethics Commission “with whatever it takes” :

25 September 2020

Complaint for breach of the WS Ethics Code against Dieter Neupert and Ser Miang Ng - the Ethics Officer however found that neither Dieter nor Ser Miang or Josep Pla were conflicted according to Section 1.3 (d) of the Ethics Code

28 September 2020

Submission of Kim to start the Signature Case afresh with another Ethics Officer – the Ethics Commission (EC) declared to have no jurisdiction to review a closed case

On 9 October 2020 Kim appealed the EC Decision which was admitted by an Appeal Panel on 30 April 2021, mostly because the EC could not defend itself as the EC was conveniently removed from office on 20 November 2020 by the WS CEO (without the approval of the WS Board)

9 October 2020

The same day Kim denounced Ser Miang and Dieter Neupert for Misconduct (Appendix 6 of the WS Regulations), allegedly again for being conflicted in the Signature Case

29 November 2022

Sanction of Dieter Neupert and Ser Miang for Misconduct by the WS Independent Panel

14 December 2023

Appeal by Dieter Neupert to the London High Court based on Art. 17.1 of the WS Constitution seeking a declaration that the Sanction dated 29 November shall be declared null and void

14 May 2024

The London High Court ordered that the *Sanction Decision is void and of no effect*

So finally the honour of the Ethics Commission and Josep Pla is restored – Dieter receives a Cost Contribution from WS and is awarded the World Sailing Gold Medal

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

Claim No. KB-2023-004838

Master Thornett

BETWEEN

1. Dieter Neupert

- and -

1. World Sailing Limited



ORDER

KB-2023-004838

UPON considering the Claimant's application dated 30 April 2024 without a hearing

AND UPON the Defendant's confirmation that it does not contest the declaration sought by the Claimant:

IT IS DECLARED AND ORDERED BY CONSENT THAT:-

1. The decision of the Independent Panel of the Defendant dated 29th November 2022 imposing a fine of €1,000 on the Claimant is void and of no effect.
2. There be no order for costs save that the Defendant will pay the Claimant an agreed sum of £1500 by way of contribution towards the Claimant's costs.

DATED this 14th day of May 2024