


NOTICE

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Organizing Authorities: JK Marina Kastela and EurILCA	
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On 20 May 2026, the International Jury considered whether to reopen Hearing No. 11. This was considered by the whole international jury as required by RRS 63.7(c)(2).

The international jury considered:

- a. whether it may have made a significant error.

Facts:

1. The international jury considered whether it should have deemed it necessary to take evidence from the pin-end member of the race committee on the pin-end vessel of the starting line.
According to the EurILCA Race Management Manual, in absence of a Principal Race Officer, the Class Course Representative is the only person responsible for making a call on starting line decisions (OCS and recalls [RRS 29], starting penalties [UFD, Black Flag - RRS 30]); all parties and witnesses in the hearing confirmed that the EurILCA Course Representative called a clear line at the starting signal.
2. During the hearing, the parties asked the race committee to present the video recording of the starting procedure of race 4. The race committee did not present the video that they had recorded from the race committee signal vessel and stated that the decision to call a clear line came directly from observations based on his eyesight. The fact that the race committee was sighting the line while positioned in front of the mast, behind the staff where the orange flag is displayed was established in the hearing. The panel of the international jury was satisfied on the weight of the evidence that the race committee members sighting the line were watching while the boats were approaching the starting line. In addition, the panel of the international jury considered the evidence of these race committee members, who are in the best position to judge whether boats were over the line, as more reliable.
3. The race committee presented audio evidence with the recordings of at least the last minute before the starting signal, where it was clear that no boats were called over the line. No party disputed the credibility of the audio recordings.

Conclusion:

The panel of the international jury acted in accordance with RRS 63.4(b) and did not make a significant error because:

1. Taking evidence from a person who does not have the authority to make a call on starting line decisions was not considered necessary by the panel of the international jury during hearing No. 11.
2. Since the audio recording presented by the race committee provided clear evidence that no boat was identified over the line, reviewing the race committee's video recording was not considered necessary by the panel of the international jury during Hearing No. 11.
3. By considering that a race committee member sighting the starting line is better placed than any competing boat to decide whether the line was clear in accordance with World Sailing Case 136, and in view of the testimony of the EurILCA Course Representative, reviewing the race committee's video recording was not considered necessary by the panel of the international jury during Hearing No. 11.

b. whether significant new evidence has become available within reasonable time.

Fact:

On the morning of 20 May 2026, the international jury received information that another video from some other source became available. All referrals during the hearing of Case 11 were about the video recorded from the race committee signal vessel.

Conclusion:

Since the video may have not been available to the parties at the time of the hearing, the evidence may be new; see World Sailing Case 115. However, for the reasons mentioned in item a. (whether it may have made a significant error), the evidence is not considered significant.

Decision:

The international jury will not reopen Hearing No. 11.