



Spain 2026
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Protest nr: 72

Class	470 Mixed
Protestor	Race Committee
Protestee	CHN 711 - Qian Fu
Witnesses	
Type	protest
Incident	Delta was displayed at 12:50 and at least 10 minutes before the flag was displayed CHN 711 was on the water
Date/Time of hearing	3 Apr 2025 at 17:25
Location	Room 1
Procedural matters	1. Hearing No. 72 was heard together with hearings No. 74, No. 76 and No. 77 in accordance with RRS 63.2(b) since all those hearings arose from the same incident. 2. AUS 6 was represented by Sophie Jackson. 3. AUS 22 was represented by Ben Hinks. 4. AUS 33 was represented by Ashlee Daunt. 5. CHN 711 arrived only as the International Jury was already deliberating. CHN 711 explained the reason for being late was not checking the official notice board. It was decided that CHN 711 was not unavoidably absent. 6. Weiwei Li (coach of CHN 711) attended the hearing as interpreter for CHN 711. 7. The Race Committee was represented by Luky Serrano (Principal Race Officer). 8. Amelia Catf (coach of AUS 6, AUS 22 and AUS 33) attended the hearing as an observer.
Facts found	1. The race committee displayed flag D for another class. Due to low wind speed the class flag was not clearly visible. 2. AUS 6, AUS 22 and AUS 33 mistook the flag D as being for their fleets and went afloat. 3. AUS 6, AUS 22, AUS 33 and CHN 711 were seen by a member of the race committee afloat at 12:35. 4. Before leaving the harbour, AUS 6, AUS 22 and AUS 33 realised the mistake and returned to shore. 5. Flag D for 470 Gold and Silver fleets was displayed ashore at 12:50. 6. Since CHN 711 did not give evidence it is not clear why CHN 711 went afloat at that time.



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Conclusion	1. By being afloat before flag D was displayed for 470 Gold and Silver fleets, AUS 6, AUS 22, AUS 33 and CHN 711 broke SI 4.4. 2. Using the WS Discretionary Penalty Policy, a starting penalty of 5% was decided. 3. The penalty for AUS 6, AUS 22, AUS 33 was decreased because the breach was accidental. 4. There were no facts to justify decreasing the penalty for CHN 711. 5. There were no facts to justify increasing the penalty.
Rules applicables	RRS 63.1(b), 63.2(b), SI 4.4
Jury Decision:	1. AUS 6, AUS 22 and AUS 33 are penalized 3% applied to race 7F, calculated to the nearest tenth of a point, (0.05 to be rounded upward), but not worse than the score for DNF. 2. CHN 711 is penalized 5% applied to race 7F, calculated to the nearest tenth of a point, (0.05 to be rounded upward), but not worse than the score for DNF.
Date of decision:	3 Apr 2025 at 18:15
Jury members	Anna Cuccia (IJ-ITA), Chris Lindsay (IJ-IRL), Laura German (IJ-ESP), Carlos Garcia Motta (IJ-ESP), Hrvoje Ban (NJ-CRO)
Signature:	

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