

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 30.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose

To clarify the penalty for breaking the I Flag Rule and to make it easier for race officers to implement the rule.

Proposal

30.1 I Flag Rule

If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall ~~thereafter sail from the course side~~ across an extension to the pre-start side before *starting*.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

Members of the ISAF Q&A Panel have different interpretations of this rule in some circumstances. This proposal clarifies that the penalty must be to sail, at least in part, across an extension towards the pre-start side. In addition, the proposed rule implies that the race committee need not identify a boat this is on an extension of the starting line one minute before her starting signal.
