

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule L18.1

A submission from the International Funboard Class Association

#### Purpose or Objective

To indicate that the use of the check-out and check-in system is not without any consequences both for the organisers as for the competitors.

#### Proposal

Amend rule L18.1 as follows:

- 18.1 Check-Out and Check-In: **If a check-Out and Check-In system is implemented at an event this should not be done light but as a real safety device.**

**Before the race committee and the rescue can leave the competition area a “Go” must come from the “Event Safety officer” who personally checked the Sign-out and Sign-in system after every racing period.**

**Penalty’s for breaking the “Sign-In” rule shall be**

- **on the first infringement DSQ for the nearest race**
- **DNE for the next race**
- **Removal from the event.**

**Additional costs for search and rescue shall be recovered from the boat that infringed the rule.**

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

1. The relevance of the miss-use of the “Check-Out or Check-In” system is not explicable to competitors and coaches and all other involved..
  2. Check-Out and Check-In are often used as an excuse that the race committee is using all efforts to guarantee safety.
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3. Very often a "Discretionally Penalty" is imposed on competitors that forget to "Check-Out or Check-In" without launching a real Search and Rescue action on the water.