

ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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The sailing instructions at an event describe the starting mark as 'a buoy with an orange flag'.

Question 1:

While racing, a boat touches the flag only, not the staff or the buoy itself. Has the boat broken rule 31?

Answer 1:

Yes.

Question 2:

Would the answer be different if the sailing instructions mentioned the buoy but not the flag?

Answer 2:

No. The flag attached to the buoy is not an object attached temporarily or accidentally to the mark and is therefore part of the mark in accordance with the definition Mark.