

## ISAF Racing Rules Question and Answer Service



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#### Situation

The definition of racing says "A boat is *racing* from her preparatory signal until she *finishes* and clears the finishing line and *marks* or retires, etc"

Rule 31 says, "While *racing*, a boat shall not touch a starting *mark* before *starting*. A *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.'

#### Question:

If she finishes under the definition of racing, that is, she has finished, and cleared the line, and then touches the mark, does she break rule 31?

#### Answer:

No. Rule 31 does not apply because if a boat has finished and cleared the finishing line and marks, the boat is no longer racing.

See also Q&A 2006-002