Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule L11.5

A submission from the Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation

Purpose or Objective

House cleaning of rule L11.5.

Proposal

Amend rule L11.5 as follows:

11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rules 26 and A5.

Current Position

As above.

Reason

As A5 states: A boat that did not start, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or finish, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires, shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. L11.5 as currently written defines disqualification penalty but is not entitled do so based on A5 in which starting procedure with flag U is not mentioned.