Racing Rules of Sailing

The Call Book for Match Racing, New MR Call C3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To comply with ISAF Regulations 28.3.1, 28.3.2, 28.3.4 and 28.3.7

Proposal

MR CALL C3

Rule 22.1 Starting Errors
Rule 24.2 Interfering with Another Boat

Question

The starting signal is made at position 1 and Blue is signalled as being OCS. Blue bears away to return to the starting line. At position 2, Blue is able to cross in front of Yellow if Yellow holds her course.

Yellow bears away to prevent Blue from crossing her. Blue luffs and keeps clear. There is a Y-flag. What should the call be?

Answer

Display the green and white flag.

Although Blue has not started correctly, Yellow is not interfering with a boat on 'another leg of the course', so rule 24.2 does not apply. In addition, rule 22.1 does not apply until Blue has borne away sufficiently to be sailing towards the pre-start side of the starting line. Rule 11 applies and Blue is keeping clear of Yellow.
Current Position

MR Rapid Response Call 2013.01 as above.

Reasons

1. To clarify that an OCS boat is not subject to rule 22.1 until she is sailing a course towards the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions to start.

2. Further, an OCS boat is not on ‘another leg’ than the boat that started correctly, so rule 24.2 does not apply.