Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule A11

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Purpose or Objective

Infringements of rule 30.4 are scored with BFD.

However there are 2 sorts of BFD. Boats can be scored BFD while being in the triangle at the start of a race which is not general recalled. And boats are scored BFD when the number is displayed on the board after a general recall. The first category is allowed to finish the race the second is not.

This infringement is noted on the starting vessel, and has to be communicated to the results centre. The fact that the 2 BFD types are possibly occurring, necessitates next to the letters BFD: this one is allowed to finish, this one is not.

It would be much easier to work with a different abbreviation for both types of BFD’s

Proposal

BFD : Disqualification under rule 30.4, in a non-recalled race

BDN : Disqualification under rule 30.4, in a recalled race where the number has been shown at the starting vessel.

Current Position

Only the abbreviation BFD is used:

BFD : Disqualification under rule 30.4

Reasons

1. Improve the communication between starting vessel and other members of the race committee.

2. Limit the words to be used during a regatta