

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rules 30.2 and 30.3

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To reduce the number of starting penalty options in rule 30.

Proposal 1

1. Delete rule 30.2, Z Flag Rule, from the RRS Part 3 and add this rule to Appendix L paragraph 11.
2. If this Proposal is approved, make the following consequential changes:
 - In Race Signals, delete flag Z.
 - In rule 26, delete preparatory signals Z and Z with I.
 - In rule 36, delete '30.2'
 - In rule 63.1, delete '30.2'
 - In rule A4.2, delete 'a boat that is penalized under rule 30.2'
 - In rule A5, delete ', 30.2'.
 - In rule A11, delete 'ZFP 20% penalty under rule 30.2'.
 - In rule E3.8, change 'Rules 30.2 and 30.3 are' to 'Rule 30.3 is'
 - Renumber rule 30 paragraphs as necessary.
 - Amend Appendix L as necessary.

Proposal 2

1. Delete rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule, from the RRS Part 3 and add this rule to Appendix L paragraph 11.
 2. If the proposal above is approved, make the following consequential changes:
 - In Race Signals, delete Black flag.
 - In rule 26, delete black flag preparatory signal.
 - In rule 29.1, delete 'If rule 30.3 applies, this rule does not.'
 - Amend rule 36 as follows:
 - If a race is restarted or resailed, a breach of a rule, ~~other than rule 30.3,~~ in the original race shall not prohibit a boat from competing or, except under rule 30.2, ~~30.3~~ or 69, cause her to be penalized.
 - In rule 63.1, delete '30.3,'.
 - In rule 90.3(b), delete 'rule 30.3's last sentence,'.
 - In rule A5, delete ', 30.3'.
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In rule A11, delete 'BFD Disqualification under rule 30.3'.

In rule F3, delete rule headed '30 Starting Penalties'.

Re-number rule 30 paragraphs as necessary.

Amend Appendix L as necessary.

Current Position

See rules 30.2 and 30.3.

Reason

In November 2014 ISAF approved Submission 135-14 to include a version of the U Flag Rule in rule 30 with effect from January 2017. One consequence is that rule 30 will become very long with 4 different penalty options. This proposal reduces the rule to the most used starting penalties. The penalty options removed from rule 30 will remain available in Appendix L and can be incorporated into sailing instructions when desired.