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’
   - Rerumber 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 30.2, 30.3, or 69, 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’.
In rule A11, delete ‘BFD   Disqualification under rule 30.3’.
In rule F3, delete rule headed ‘30 Starting Penalties’.
Renumber 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.