Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 30.1

A submission from the Deutscher Segler-Verband

Purpose or Objective

To reduce the different starting penalties

Proposal

1. Delete rule 30.1
2. Delete RRS Race Signals “I”
3. In the table of RRS 26 change the entry in the 2nd row 2nd column to
   P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag
4. Amend rule 29.1 as follows:

   When at a boat’s starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If rule 30.3 applies this rule does not.

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

1. To simplify the rules.
2. The two starting penalties U Flag and Black Flag are enough.
3. The use of the I Flag Rule has the effect that boats stay close to the ends of the starting line, sometimes leading to dangerous situations, especially in strong wind conditions.
4. The I Flag Rule is not commonly used at events.
5. The I Flag Rule could be mentioned in Appendix L.