Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 30.3

A submission from Yachting Australia

Purpose or Objective

1. To enable a boat that has been compelled to break the first sentence of rule 30.3 to be able to start in a restarted or resailed race.

2. To restructure the rule and make it easier to follow.

Proposal

30.3 Black Flag Rule

(a) If a black flag has been displayed, no part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal.

(b) If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing unless her breach of rule 30.3(a) is exonerated under rule 64.1(a), even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

If a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so and she is not subsequently exonerated under rule 64.1(a), her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.

Current Position

See above.

Reasons

1. As addressed in Q&A C 001 2014.015 Questions 1 and 2, if a boat has been compelled to break rule 30.3 by the actions of another boat, she will not be entitled to redress unless she starts in the race. Question 3 does not allow redress to a boat taking part in a restarted race and question 4 only allows a score correction to DNS.

2. This change allows a boat that has been compelled to break 30.3 to sail in a restarted or resailed race and be correctly scored if she subsequently wins her protest and is exonerated.