Racing Rules of Sailing

Appendix L, SI 11.4

A submission from US Sailing

Purpose or Objective
To clarify a sailing instruction.

Proposal
In Appendix L, change SI 11.4 as follows:

11.4 A boat that does not start within starting later than _____ minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules rule A4 and A5.

Current Position
As above.

Reason
The proposed version of the SI reads better than the current version and does not distinguish boats crossing the starting line late from boats that never start at all. The amended SI informs a boat intending to cross the starting line after the time limit that her score has already been determined; she will be DNS whether she crosses the line or not.