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Alternative penalty for a boat that was OCS

Question

May the notice of race or the sailing instructions include a penalty other than disqualification for a boat that was OCS?

Answer

The Racing Rules of Sailing do not permit the notice of race or the sailing instructions to change the definition Start.

However, World Sailing has approved, under regulation 28.1.5(b), a development rule, [DR21-01 Alternative Starting Penalty](#), which includes a change to the definition Start and some examples for penalties that can be used. This development rule has the status of a test rule and it includes instructions on how to use it.