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**Summary:** Inclusion of "U" Flag in Sailing Instructions

Affects:					
	Constitution		By-Laws		Class Rules
	Deed of Gift Other		Rules of Conduct		NoR or SI Template

## **Objective:**

To include the U flag starting rule as optional in the standard Sailing Instructions

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in

## Include:

If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, 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. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is re-started or re-sailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

## **Reasons:**

1) The U flag proved to be efficient in controlling the fleet without being too severe as the black flag rule.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to  $1^{\rm st}$  March.