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Summary: Black Flag Rule

Affects:

Rules of Conduct

NOR or SI Template

Objective:

~~Delete the current~~ **Modify** section 8.4 Rules of Conduct, so the Race Committee may use the Black Flag Rules **under some circumstances.**

Proposal (include current & proposed changed wording- changes to be shown in red): Example: By Laws: **Section 1. Racing Season**

The official racing **sailing** season of this Association shall extend for the full twelve months of the year starting on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Rules of Conduct for Conducting National and International Championship Regattas

Starting Systems and Procedures

8. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

8.1 If a Postponement or a General recall is signaled the next Warning signal shall be made 1 minute after the lowering of the postponement or general recall signal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

Any boat not starting within 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing.

8.2 The course signal (code O,T,W or O2, T2, W2) shall be hoisted at least one minute prior the warning signal.

8.3 Z flag rule is modified so that Race Committee may display at the first mark, or on the Race Committee boat in case of a general recall, the sail number(s) or bow number(s) of those boats that have infringed the rule.

8.4 RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) ~~will not be used in any race.~~ **Is modified so that the Race Committee may use the black flag but only after 2 general recalls, and in fleets of more than 45 boats.**

Reasons:

At the recent open sailor's forum the majority of the sailors agree that it is better to give the opportunity to the Race Committee to control the fleet at the starting line, using the Black Flag rule. This procedure can be used as the last chance. The Black Flag is not excluded by many other Classes and it is an optional tool for the Race Committees after the "U" and "Z" flag.

¹ Proposals can be made by the Board, Technical Committee, National Secretaries or 5 fleet captains up to 1st March.