

SCIRA Proposal Form

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Summary: Change 8.3 to allow principal race officers to use the Black Flag without unnecessary general recalls when conditions make it very unlikely that a successful start can be accomplished.

Affects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Constitution | <input type="checkbox"/> | By-Laws | <input type="checkbox"/> | Class Rules |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deed of Gift | X | Rules of Conduct | <input type="checkbox"/> | NoR or SI Template |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | | | | |

Objective: To allow principal race officers at major championships (Worlds, Western Hemispheres and Asian Championships and European Championships, etc.) go directly to the Black Flag when situations warrant.

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.

8.3 Black Flag can be used ~~after 2 general recalls and~~ in fleets with more than 45 boats only. **The Principal Race Officer must obtain concurrence from the SCIRA Representative if a SCIRA representative has been assigned.** This changes RRS 30.4.

Reasons: I would like to propose a change to the Rules of Conduct 8.3 to help improve our Class's ability to become more efficient in conducting Major Championships. I have competed in 10 World Championships and the last one in Buenos Aires was notable because almost every race had two U Flag starts which were general recalled followed by a black flag start. There were reasons for this including a strong current and an aggressive 85 boat fleet but the net result was that with reasonably good start lines the Principal Race Officer could not choose to go directly to the Black flag because of our current Snipe Class Rules of conduct. This proposal is intended to improve the quality of major championships by minimizing the number of general recalls and help improve our sailors' experience.

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