

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule 29.1

A submission from US SAILING

#### Purpose or Objective

To correct a logical problem in the current rule.

#### Proposal

##### **29.1 Individual Recall**

When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats **have returned completely to** ~~are completely on~~ the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If rule 30.3 applies this rule does not.

#### Current Position

As above.

#### Reasons

The current rule has an unintended and undesirable feature. It requires that flag X remain displayed until all boats that were over the line at the starting signal are on the pre-start side of the starting line at the same time. That may never happen. For example, under the current rule if two boats were over the line at the starting signal and the first returns and starts, and later the second returns and starts, the recall flag should not be lowered because at no time were both boats completely on the pre-start side of the line. Under the proposed rule, flag X would be lowered after the second boat returns completely to the pre-start side. Changing "are completely on" to "have returned completely to" corrects the logical problem in the current rule and is consistent with both the intent of the rule and current race committee practice.

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