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Rule of the Week



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And HERE IT IS:

[Video presentations](#) - Rule by Rule

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Special recognition will be given to those who have passed the quiz. It is most likely fewer than 10 minutes for you parents and grandparents. You may assist your young sailor and lead them in the use of the Racing Rules of Sailing to answer the quiz.



RULES OF THE WEEK - RULES 30 - 33

All videos are contributed by UK Sailmakers, the text was organized by SailZing.

Part 3 - Conduct of a Race: Rules 30 - 33

Part 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing covers conduct of a race. These rules are important for both sailors and the race committee. In this article, we'll highlight the items important to sailors.

Rule 30 - Starting Penalties

30.1 - I Flag Rule

"If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension to the pre-start side before *starting*."

30.2 - Z Flag Rule

"If flag Z has been displayed, 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 receive, without a hearing, a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). She shall be penalized even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If she is similarly identified during a subsequent attempt to start the same race, she shall receive an additional 20% Scoring Penalty."

30.3 - U Flag Rule

"If flag U has been displayed, 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 restarted or resailed."

30.4 - Black Flag Rule

"If a black flag has been displayed, 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, even if the race is restarted or resailed, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If a general recall is signaled or the race is *abandoned* after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score."

Rule 30 Questions

1 - The race committee posted both a Z flag and an I flag at the

May

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1 - **Basic Principles, Rules 2-3**

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Starting Errors, Backing a Sail;

Rule 23 Capsized, Anchored

aground, Rescuing; **Rule 24**

Interfering with another boat

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preparatory signal. Immediately after the start, the race committee signals an individual recall and hails your number.

What must you do to start properly? How will your score for the race be determined? [Answer](#)

2 - The race committee posted a U flag at the preparatory signal. Five seconds before the start, you are over the line.

If the race committee subsequently re-starts the same race, are you still disqualified? [Answer](#)

3 - The race committee posted a Black flag at the preparatory signal. 30 seconds before the start, the race committee identifies your boat as being over the line.

If the race committee signals a general recall, and re-starts the race, are you still disqualified? [Answer](#)

Rule 31 - Touching a Mark

"While *racing*, a boat shall not touch a starting *mark* before starting, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*."

Rule 31 Key Points

Rule 44.1 requires you to take a one-turn penalty when you break rule 31.

Rule 31 Questions

1 - When rounding a mark, your rudder contacts the mark's anchor line but the mark itself never touches any part of the boat.

Does this break Rule 31? [Answer](#)

2 - You accidentally contact the offset mark while sailing upwind toward the windward mark. (You have not yet rounded the windward mark.)

Does this break Rule 31? [Answer](#)

Rule 32 - Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

32.1 "After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds),

(a) because of foul weather,

(b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will finish within the time limit,

(c) because a mark is missing or out of position, or

(d) for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition.

In addition, the race committee may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed, or abandon the race because of an error in the starting procedure. However, after one boat has sailed the course



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and finished within the time limit, if any, the race committee shall not abandon the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

32.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

(a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S;

(b) a line the course requires boats to cross; or

(c) at a gate, between the gate marks. The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line."

Rule 32 Questions

1 - You are sailing upwind towards the windward mark. The race committee displays the S flag with two sounds.

Where should you look for the finishing line? [Answer](#)

2 - You are sailing downwind towards the leeward gate marks. The race committee displays the S flag with two sounds.

Where should you look for the finishing line? [Answer](#)

Rule 33 - Changing the Next Leg of the Course

"The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

(a) If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and one or both of

(1) the new compass bearing,

(2) a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.

(b) If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a '-' if the length will be decreased or a '+' if it will be increased.

(c) Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape."

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