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Situation 1

In a race using rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule, Boat A is scored BFD. After posting the results on the official notice board, the race committee learns from its own records that it had misidentified the boat, and that Boat A had not broken rule 30.3.

Question 1

May the race committee, under rule 90.3(c), correct the score of Boat A to her actual finishing position?

Answer 1

Yes. Alternatively, the race committee may request redress for the boat under rule 60.2(b).

Situation 2

In a race using rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule, Boat B is scored with her finishing position. After posting the results on the official notice board, the race committee learns from its own records that Boat B was on the course side of the line at the starting signal.

Question 2

May the race committee, under rule 90.3(c), correct the score of Boat B to BFD?

Answer 2

Yes.

Situation 3

In a race using rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule, there is a general recall. After the recall, the sail number of Boat C is displayed on a board on the race committee vessel. Before the restart, the race committee learns from its own records that it has wrongly identified Boat C as BFD.

Question 3

Is the display of Boat C's sail number a score? That is, may the race committee correct that score before the restart of the recalled race if it makes the competitor aware of the change before the restart?

Answer 3

The display of Boat C's number is not a score; it is a notification under rule 30.3. The race committee may correct the error and make the boat aware of the change before the restart.

Situation 4

In a race using rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule, there is a general recall. After the recall, the sail number of Boat D is displayed on a board on the race committee vessel. Before the restart, Boat D informs the race committee that a mistake must have been made, and thereafter Boat D sails and finishes the restarted race. The race committee scores her DNE. Boat D requests redress. Before the redress hearing, the race committee reviews its records and discovers that it had misidentified Boat D and that she had not broken rule 30.3.

Question 4

May the race committee under rule 90.3(c) correct the score of Boat D to her actual finishing position?

Answer 4

No. When after a general recall a boat learns from seeing her sail number displayed that she has been disqualified by the race committee under the second sentence of rule 30.3, and believes the race committee has made a mistake, her only option is not to start, and then to request redress. If the boat starts in the race, she breaks the last sentence of rule 30.3 and the race committee shall score her DNE. See ISAF Case 96.

Rule 90.3(c) allows the race committee to correct an error when a boat has been scored incorrectly. In this case, the boat was correctly scored DNE and therefore the race committee cannot change it.