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MYA Heat Management System (HMS) 2016 V1a - Notice of Alteration

It has come to the attention of the MYA Race Regulations Team that the current version of HMS 2016 V1a does not include provision for rule 30.3 (U flag) starting penalties within its scoring.

After discussion it is intended that the HMS will be revised to include UFD as scoring the same as BFD (Rule 30.4 Black Flag.)

This will mean that the scoring for either 30.3 (UFD) or 30.4 (BFD) will be Fleet + 1 (all competitors +1)
The only alteration will be in the first race where this will be competitors in the largest heat + 1 as is currently included within HMS.

The HMS will be revised to include this provision in due course, however to assist those hosting events before this revision it is intended that a UFD shall be scored as BFD and that the sailing instructions are amended to identify this alteration.

For those who are not familiar with rule 30.3 the rule as extracted from the Racing Rules of Sailing can be seen below, along with rule 30.4

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 signalled 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.

Note: These will be amended as required by RRS Appendix E

The implementation of rules 30.1, 30.3 and 30.4 are at the discretion of the event race management during the event and it is recommended that the race team examine the merits of each rule before racing starts.

For further information or clarifications please contact the MYA Racing Officer.

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