

Rules Specialist Group 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule

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1. [Question](#)

Under Rule 30.1, if a boat is over an extension of the start line during the last minute can it exonerate itself by returning to the prestart side of the start line across an extension and start by crossing the start line after the start signal". There is some confusion caused by the previous use of the terminology of "around the ends rule" as clearly in this case the boat would not be circling either the pin or the Race Committee vessel.

2. [Answer](#)

Yes.

In the 2001-4 RRS Rule 30.1 was entitled 'Round-an-End Rule' but this did not, as said in the question, properly describe the requirement for a boat that crossed an extension of the line.

The title of the rule was changed in the 2009-12 rule book to 'I Flag Rule'.

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