



# Fireball Open European Championship 2023

## Question for Officials

**Date: 2023-09-20**

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**Question No: 01**

**Question For: Race Committee**

**Question:**

Please could you clarify if an On The Water (OTW) penalty should still be recorded against a boat in a race, if that boat was black flagged at the start of that race and not notified by the race committee of that decision during the race.

Boat 15091 was scored 'Black Flagged' in Race 1 but is ALSO recorded as having received an OTW penalty in Race 1. This would appear to be a case of 'double jeopardy', penalising the boat with an OTW penalty in a race they were effectively disqualified from at the start.

I look forward to your clarification.

Kind regards,

Graham Cook

Skipper FB 15091

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**Answer:**

Boat 15091 was identified in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark in the last minute before start. Boat number of the boat 15091 was published on the noticeboard in the RC vessel after the starting signal. For breaking rule 30.4 the boat 15091 has been scored with BFD.

Regardless of breaking the rule 40.3 boat 15091 kept sailing the course and was noticed breaking rule 42. For breaking rule 42 the boat was penalized by taking proper action on the water.

Boat 15091 has been penalized for breaking two different rules.

Kind regards.

Marko Kete

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