

At the skippers meeting on Jan. 13 Dennis explained that there is no rule to address the situation with the extended starting line and we will have to live with it. My problem with it is only one person can gain anything by starting from the course side of the starting line. If two skippers try this certainly the leeward boat could, or would, run the windward boat over the line from the starting mark to the first (weather) mark, Rule 30.3 comes into affect. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification without a hearing. I hope no one wants to use these tactics to win a race. Also it may mean we will have to use the two minute clock and it will put a greater burden on the RD having to watch the starting line plus the lay line.

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