

2026 ORC World Championship

Question for Officials

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Question For: Organizing Authority

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There appears to be an error in the latest revision (29-04-2026) of the NOR.

In 1.i-ii the NOR states: "When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may NOT return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, she shall receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c)."

In my humble opinion, this looks like a mix up of the wording recommended by the DR21-01. Item 1.i-ii should either state:

"When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, she shall receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).", as stated in the previous revision of the NOR (15-01-2026), *[if your aim is to give a choice to OCS boats]*

OR

"When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she SHALL NOT return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, and she shall receive a Scoring Penalty calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).", *[if your aim is to forbid OCS boats to return to the Start Line]*.

Maybe there should be a clarification for the matter.

Kind Regards,

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Answer:

Thank you for your message and for spotting this error. We will issue an amendment in due course. It is the intention for boats NOT to be able to return and start correctly in the Tre Golfi Offshore Race for the ORC World Championship classes.
