

Race Signals

The Start

1. Race starts generally run on a sequence as follows:-
 - a. 5 minute sound signal and flag raised before the start, either class flag for the class racing or the H flag for a handicap race.
 - b. At 4 minutes before the start, either flag P or flag I is raised, depending on whether the round the ends rule is in use, and 01 sound signal.
 - c. At 1 minute before the start, either flag P or Flag I is lowered and 1 sound signal given.
 - d. At the start, the class flag or flag H is lowered and 1 sound signal given.
 - e. If at the start a boat is over the line, a further sound signal is given and the class flag or flag H are raised until the offending boat has started correctly.
 - f. If more than two boats are over the line at the start or you are unable to identify the boats over the line, then 2 additional sound signals are given and the 1st substitute pennant is flown. This is a general recall.
 - g. When all boats have returned to the starting area, 1 sound signal is given and the 1st substitute is lowered, 1 minute after this, the start sequence begins again from the 5 minute point.

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LETTER	SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANING	LETTER	SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANING					
AP ANSWERING PENDANT		2	POSTPONEMENT SIGNAL	1ST SUBSTITUTE		2	GENERAL RECALL SIGNAL (See recall for fresh start)					
AP OVER 1 BALL OR SHAPE		2	POSTPONED 10 MINUTES (Postponement extended by 10 min. for each additional Ball/shape)	S		2	SHORTEN COURSE SIGNAL					
AP OVER NUMERAL 1-9		2	POSTPONED HOURS (1 - 9 hours according to numeral shown)	B		1	PROTEST SIGNAL					
AP OVER A		2	POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE	M		1	MARK SIGNAL Round or pinnacled buoy, vessel, object displaying this signal instead of mark which it replaces. Displayed between "A" notice to competitors has been passed or notice board displayed after: "Come within hail" or "Follow me"					
N		3	ABANDONMENT SIGNAL (all races)	L		1	PREPARATORY SIGNAL Class designated by warning signal will start in 5 min exactly					
N OVER X		3	ABANDONED & WILL BE RESAILED SHORTLY	I		1	ROUND THE ENDS STARTING RULE					
N OVER 1ST SUBSTITUTE		3	CANCELLATION SIGNAL (all races)	X		1	INDIVIDUAL RECALL					
				Y		1	LIFE JACKET SIGNAL					
				NUMERAL PENDANTS		1		2		3		4
						5		6		7		8
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