

Race Committee Instructions

Pre-race

Use the Center Console Aluminum boat. The key is in the Blue Duty Officer Cabinet in the mast room area. Make sure to fill in the boat use form.

The start mark is in the Race Committee box by the Gazebo. It is a Red Ball with 100 ft. of rode and a mushroom anchor. DO NOT use the sailing school marks. Their rodes are too short to get the mark out far enough from shore.

Make sure to make the start line long enough. A general rule of thumb is (Number of Boats X Boat length + 2 Boat Lengths). This would be for the biggest fleet that night.

The numeral flags for the courses are in Blue plastic box inside the Race Committee box. The number is printed on the edge of the flag. No need to unroll each flag to see what it is. Please roll them up after the race and put them back in numerical order.

Choose a course from the set courses best suited for the wind strength and direction that evening and hoist it on the flag pole by the Gazebo.

Postponement

If there is not enough wind to sail or severe weather at 5:45pm, raise the postponement AP flag and sound the horn 2 times. If conditions improve, lower the AP flag along with 1 horn blast and begin the first start sequence 1 minute later.

Abandonment

If conditions do not improve after 30 minutes, raise the abandonment flag (code flag A) and sound the horn 3 times.

Start Sequence

5:45pm: Non Flying Sail Warning. Put up White class flag in the top flag holder with 1 horn sound.

5:46pm: Preparatory Flag (Code Flag P) goes up with 1 horn sound. Preparatory goes in the lower flag holder.

5:49pm: Preparatory Flag goes down with 1 long horn sound.

5:50pm: NFS start. White flag comes down and Green (Flying Sail Flag) goes up with 1 horn sound

Have the General Recall & Individual Recall flags ready. If some boats are over early, display the individual recall flag with 1 horn sound. Attempt to hail boat names or sail numbers and display the individual recall flag until all boats involved have restarted after which lower the flag with no horn sound.

If too many boats are over early sound the horn 2 times and display the General Recall flag. Display flag until all boats return and lower it with 1 horn sound. One minute later start a new start sequence for that particular fleet. All other fleets that have not started move back 5 minutes.

5:51pm: Preparatory Flag (Code Flag P) goes up with 1 horn sound.

5:54pm: Preparatory Flag goes down with 1 long horn sound.

5:55pm: FS start. Green flag down with 1 horn sound and Shark Flag (Blue with White Shark) goes up.

5:56pm: Preparatory Flag (Code Flag P) goes up with 1 horn sound.

5:59pm: Preparatory Flag goes down with 1 long horn sound.

6:00pm: Shark start Shark Flag down with 1 horn sound.

Finish

Note that under the International Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, **A boat finishes “when any part of her hull crosses the finish line”**. It is not necessary for the entire boat to cross. A boat may turn back or start her motor after finishing.

Record finish time in hours, minutes and seconds. Hand in the results at the bar as soon as possible so the scoring can be posted and any discrepancies can be dealt with.