

Running a Race from the Committee Boat- A Prompt Sheet

Pre-Start:-

- Insert 'blue' key into power switch on control panel and turn 'ON'. Radio and Autohoot activated
- Hoist the Orange flag when the line is set
- Attach to the **white** centre halyard the Class flag of the first Class to start. (usually 'H')
- Set timer to count down from 4 minutes – allows 1 minute to focus the mind
- When you are ready, start timer counting down and make the Warning signal at -03:00 minutes

Race Signal Sequence

IMPORTANT NOTE:- ONLY change flags on the WHITE centre halyard of the signal mast

Start sequence:-

At **-03:00 minutes** switch on the Autohoot timer, proceed with the race signal sequence below-

Minutes on Timer	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
First Start			
-03:00	Hoist the first start Class flag Remove Orange flag, attach second start Class Flag	One hoot	Warning Signal
-02:00	Hoist Code 'P' or Black Flag	One hoot	Preparatory Signal
-01:00	Lower 'P' or Black Flag	One hoot	One minute to Start
-00:00	Lower first to start Class Flag	One hoot	Race Start signal
Second Start: As the first start Class Flag is lowered the second start Class Flag is hoisted			
00:00	Hoist second start Class Flag Remove first start Class flag	One hoot	Warning Signal
01:00	Hoist Code 'P' or Black Flag	One hoot	Preparatory Signal
02:00	Lower 'P' or Black Flag	One hoot	One minute to Start
03:00	Lower second start Class flag Remove second start Class Flag- attach Blue Flag	One hoot	Race Start signal
Individual recall:-	Hoist Code 'X'	One EXTRA hoot	Lower after 2 minutes
General recall:-	Hoist '1 st Substitute' Recalled fleet starts last	Two EXTRA hoots	Lower 1 min. before Start sequence with one hoot

During the Race

- Complete the 'red' **MINUTES and LAPS** boxes on the Race Recording Sheet. (Instruction on reverse)
- At the end of the first lap, record the Dinghy Class and **FULL** Sail Number of each boat, as it crosses the Start/Finish Line, on the Race Recording Sheet. No times need be recorded.

End of Race

- Hoist Blue – 'On station for finish' Flag when the lead boat is on its last lap- no hoot
- As the first boat to finish approaches the leeward mark, hoist Code flag 'S' + two hoots
- Once a shorten course signal is given ALL boats finish on their next crossing of the finish line
- Record the sail number (4 digits max.) and elapsed time of each boat as it crosses the line in the columns under the heading 'Final Lap – Race Results' on the Race Recording Sheet.

Primary Race Signal Flags



**Combined
Fleets
Warning**



**Handicap
Fleet
Warning**



**Laser
Fleet
Warning**



**Code 'P'
Preparatory
Signal**



**Code 'X'
Individual
Recall**



**1st Sub.
General
Recall**



**Code 'S'
Shorten
Course**