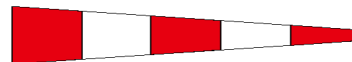




## Race Starting Procedure and Signals



**The start time MUST not be before the advertised time** (i.e. 10:30am and 12:30pm for regular club races, plus 2:30pm in Spring and Summer). This can be modified to a later time only if you ensure that all potential participants have been notified and agreed.

Postponement – use the AP flag (red,white,red,white,red) to signal a postponement– hoist along with 2 sound signals.



When you are ready to begin the start sequence, lower the AP flag along with 1 sound, the first warning signal should be made exactly 1 minute later. **Make sure you have a stopwatch that you can leave running for the duration of the race, from the Warning Signal onwards – you need this to calculate the corrected times for all competitors for the Handicap results.**

The starting sequence to be used is as per the 2005 racing rules of sailing – summarised below:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag</i>		<i>Sound</i>	<i>Mins pre start</i>
Warning	Hoist Pennant 9	↑	1 sound	5
Preparatory	Hoist P 	↑	1 sound	4
1 Minute	Lower P 	↓	1 long sound	1
Start	Lower Pennant 9	↓	1 sound	start

Note that the P (preparatory) flag can be replaced with either an “I” flag to invoke a “round the ends” rule, a “Z” flag to invoke a time penalty, or a Black Flag for disqualification for boats that are OCS in the minute prior to the start.

**At WLSC we generally run a single start for all boats using Numeral Pennant 9 for the combined fleet.** If multiple starts are needed, individual Fleet Class Flags must be used, with the warning signal of the next class coinciding with the start signal of the previous class - i.e. one class flag down, one up.

The time of the warning signal before the start may be altered (e.g. you can make it 10 mins) as long as everyone is informed, but the “4-1-go” sequence should be retained.

### Recalls

If one or more boats are on the course side (over the line) at the time of the start, then make one additional sound signal and hoist flag “X” until the boat or boats return fully to the pre-course side and start correctly. If any boat does not return, then they should be scored as OCS in the race results.

If so many boats are on the course side that you cannot identify individual boats, then call a general recall – 2 sound signals plus hoist “first substitute”. The race sequence is then restarted by lowering the first substitute with a sound signal – the new warning signal occurs one minute later.

**Note – the inner and outer marker buoys on each of the three club lines are not necessarily actually on the Line. They simply mark either end of the line.**