
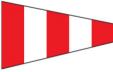



The Flags And Horns Of A Race

A	NORMAL	START	AT SLSC LISTED BELOW:	EXCEPTIONS	LISTED	BELOW:
		IN HARBOR				IN HARBOR
30 minutes before the Division 1 start	One Horn Blast In Harbor	No flag raised		Postponement	2 horn blasts	 <p>In the Harbor: When flag comes down (with 1 horn blast) there are 30 minutes before the Division 1 start</p>
		ON RACECOURSE				ON RACECOURSE
5 min 10 sec before the Division 1 start	5 quick horn blasts	no flag				
5 minutes before the Division 1 start	1 horn blast	Division 1 Flag up	I	Postponement can occur at any time before a start	2 horn blasts	 <p>Postponement ends. Flag down and 1 horn blast and start sequence begins in 1 minute</p>
4 minutes before the Division 1 start	1 horn blast	Preparatory flag up	I			
1 minute before the Division 1 start	1 horn blast	Preparatory flag down	I			
START of Division 1 and 5 minutes before the Division 2 start	1 horn blast	Div 1 down Div 2 up	II	There are boats over early "On Course Side" (OCS) and can be identified and need to return and restart	1 horn blast	 <p>When all offenders have restarted flag comes down (no horn blast)</p> <p>Offending Boat(s) need to restart</p>

4 minutes
before the
Division 2
start

1 horn blast Preparatory flag up



If there are too
many General
Recalls the
Committee can
decide to fly the
"I" flag instead of
the Preparatory
Flag

Same horn
blast as in
a normal
starting
sequence



Beginning 1 minute
before the start no
boat can be on the
course side of the
start line.

Any boat in
violation of this
has to return to
the start area and
round either end
of the line before
restarting.

1 minute
before the
Division 2
start

1 horn blast Preparatory flag down



There are boats
over early "On
Course Side" (OCS)
and not all can be
identified....or
perhaps the
Committee has
made an error in
the starting
procedure and
wants a restart to
the race.

2 horn blasts



All boats return to the
starting area

When the
Committee is
ready: Flag down
one horn blast
and the start
sequence will
begin in one
minute

Division 2
Start

1 horn blast Division 2 flag down No Flags Up

OTHER NOTABLE FLAGS AT SLSC

Race
Committee
Flag
identifying
the Boat that
the Race
Captain is on

Located on the
left front of the
Committee
Boat



This is one
end of the
start and
finish line

Located on a
yellow staff on
the port side of
the Committee
Boat



"L" Flag can mean many things: Race coming



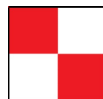
up/Another race to follow/Follow me I'm moving/Come within hail

Can be on the left front of the Committee Boat or on the stern. No horn blasts

Most commonly taken down just before the starting sequence begins

The "U" flag. (The "I" flag was not adequate to stop General Recalls)

Up at 4 minutes and down at 1 minute.....some clubs leave this flag up



If a boat is on course side of the start one minute before the start it will be disqualified without a hearing

Exception: If the race is restarted the boat is no longer disqualified

The Black flag. (If the "U" flag is inadequate or if the Committee decides to skip the "U" flag.



Up at 4 minutes and down at 1 minute

Same as the "U" flag punishment except if the race is resailed the offending boat is still disqualified

"S" flag flying on an unanchored Safety boat near a mark.



Perhaps with verbal instructions but most likely no verbal instructions

Small hand-held horn with two horn blasts repeated as groups of boats pass by

Shortend Course: Finish is at the next mark

NOTE: The "S" flag is commonly flown on the Committee Boat simply as a notification to be on the lookout for an unanchored Safety Boat that is flying the "S" flag

"N" Flag
raised

3 horn blasts



Race abandoned, and/or all
racing abandoned, return to
shore unless the "L" flag is
flying on the Committee
Boat