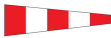

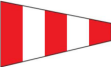






# The Flags & Horns of a Race

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

<p>4 minutes before the Division 2 start</p> <p>1 horn blast</p> <p>Preparatory flag up</p>  	<p>If there are too many General Recalls the Committee can decide to fly the "I" flag instead of the Preparatory Flag</p> <p>Same horn blast as in a normal starting sequence</p>   <p>Beginning 1 minute before the start no boat can be on the course side of the start line.</p> <p>Any boat in violation of this has to return to the start area and round either end of the line before restarting.</p>
<p>1 minute before the Division 2 start</p> <p>1 horn blast</p> <p>Preparatory flag down</p> 	<p>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.</p>  <p>2 horn blasts</p> <p>All boats return to the starting area</p> <p>When the Committee is ready: Flag down one horn blast and the start sequence will begin after <u>one minute</u></p>
<p>Division 2 Start</p> <p>1 horn blast</p> <p>Division 2 flag down</p> <p>No Flags Up</p>	
<p><b>OTHER NOTABLE FLAGS AT SLSC</b></p> <p>Race Committee Flag identifying the Boat that the Race Captain is aboard</p> <p>Located on the left front of the Committee Boat</p> 	
<p>An orange flag is on a yellow staff on the port side of the Committee Boat and marks one end of the start line</p> 	<p>A blue flag will be on a yellow staff on the port side of the Committee Boat marking one end of the finish line</p> 

"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 for the whole race



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