

# OOD Guide to Handicap Racing Start and Management.

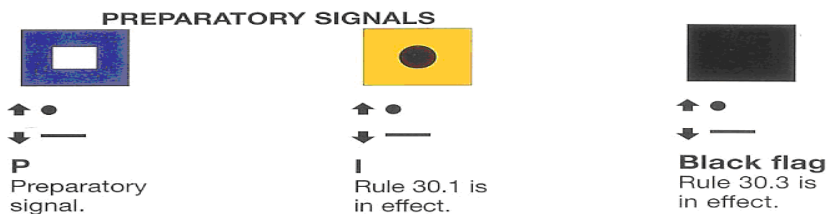
Reference should be made to other OOD guides with regard to course setting/shorten course procedures etc)

1. Set start line as long as the length of No of boats +5
2. Set stopwatch to 5 minute countdown( there are full watch instructions on Committee boat) Quick guide (1) Stop the watch with the start stop button (2) zero the watch with the Clear button (3) set the watch to 5 minutes count down with the Prog button (4) Start the watch with the start stop button. It will then count down 5 4 1 0 and then count up to give the race time .

3. On **5** minute – raise handicap flag- 1 Hoot and start watch



4. On **4** minute – raise preparatory flag-1 Hoot

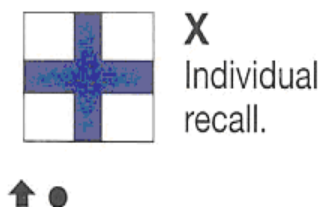


5. On **1** minute – lower preparatory flag- 1 Hoot

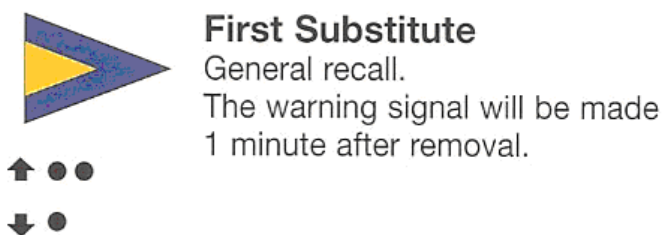
6. On **0** minute – lower handicap flag-1 Hoot

7. If 1 or 2 boats are over and you can identify them all (individual recall – 1 Hoot)

## RECALL SIGNALS



8. If lots of boats over – (General recall – 2 Hoots & restart race sequence 1 minute after lowering General recall flag)



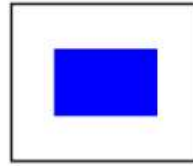
9. After 30 minutes – record all boats, their position & times to act as a failsafe backup, and keeps you aware of the location of all the boats in the fleet

10. Think about finishing the leaders after 45 minutes (though you can shorten if weather is too windy/too light)

11. Set finish line at end of course preferably windward mark

12. When 1<sup>st</sup> boat rounds preceding mark, use shorten course flag & give 2 hoots or if you set specified number of laps you don't need to shorten the course.

### Shortened Course



**S** The course has  
been shortened. Rule  
32.2 is in effect.

13. As each boat crosses the finish line (flag pole on boat to buoy), record boat number & time (minutes & seconds) - It's best for someone to read the time as each boat finishes & the other writes it down.
14. If any boat hasn't finished within 20 minutes of leader, then they are timed out & you can approach them to finish.