

**Part 3 – Conduct of a Race:**

**25 NOTICE OF RACE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SIGNALS**

**25.1** The **notice of race** shall be made **available** to each boat that enters an event **before she enters**. The **sailing instructions** shall be made available to each boat **before a race begins**.

**25.2** The meanings of the visual and sound signals stated in Race Signals shall not be changed except under rule 86.1(b). The **meanings of any other signals** that may be used shall be **stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions**.

**25.3** When the race committee is required to display a flag as a visual signal, it may use a flag or other object of a similar appearance.

Not something most of us will worry about while sailing on a Wednesday night.

**86 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES**

**86.1** A racing rule shall not be changed unless permitted in the rule itself or as follows:

(a) Prescriptions of a national authority may change a racing rule, but not the Definitions; the Basic Principles; a rule in the Introduction; Part 1, 2 or 7; rule 42, 43, 47, 50, 63.4, 69, 70, 71, 75, 76.3 or 79; a rule of an appendix that changes one of these rules; Appendix H or N; or a rule in a World Sailing Code listed in rule 6.1. (APPENDIX H - WEIGHING CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT)(APPENDIX N - INTERNATIONAL JURIES)

(b) The notice of race or sailing instructions may change a racing rule, but not rule 76.1 or 76.2, Appendix R, or a rule listed in rule 86.1(a). (Rule 76 - EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS)(APPENDIX R - PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS)

(c) Class rules may change only racing rules 42, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55.

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Now, on to the good stuff!

**26 STARTING RACES**

Races shall be started by using the following signals. **Times** shall be **taken from the visual signals**; the **absence of a sound signal** shall be **disregarded**.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

\*or as stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

*An arrow pointing up or down = a visual signal is displayed or removed.*

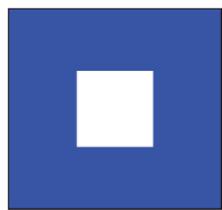
*A dot means a sound.*

*A long dash = a long sound.*

*30.1 don't be on course side during last minute prior to start. 30.2 don't be on course side, in triangle from line to first mark, 20% penalty. 30.3 don't be on course side, in triangle, disqualified but not if race restarted/resailed. 30.4 don't be on course side, in triangle, disqualified, even for a restart/resail. Just context for now, details later 😊*

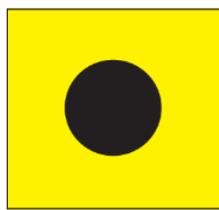
**Preparatory Signals**

**P** Preparatory signal



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**I** Rule 30.1 in effect



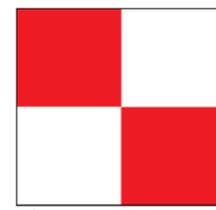
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**Z** Rule 30.2 in effect



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**U** Rule 30.3 in effect



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**Black flag.** Rule 30.4 in effect



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**Y** Wear a personal flotation device (see rule 40).

**27 OTHER RACE COMMITTEE ACTIONS BEFORE THE STARTING SIGNAL**

**27.1** No later than the warning signal (usually 5 minutes), the race committee (RC) shall signal or otherwise designate the course to be sailed if the sailing instructions have not stated the course, and it may replace one course signal with another and signal that wearing personal flotation devices is required (display flag Y with one sound).

**27.2** No later than the preparatory signal (4 minutes), the race committee may move a starting mark.

**27.3** Before the starting signal, the race committee may for any reason postpone (display flag AP, AP over H, or AP over A, with two sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N over H, or N over A, with three sounds).

Postpone and abandon flag on subsequent slides

**28 SAILING THE RACE**

**28.1** A boat shall start, sail the course, and then finish. While doing so, she may leave on either side a mark that does not begin, bound or end the leg she is sailing. After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.

**Racing Definition:** A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment. Need not cross the finishing line completely but are racing until you clear the line and marks.

**28.2** A boat may correct any errors in sailing the course, provided she has not crossed the finishing line to finish.

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**29 RECALLS**

**29.1 Individual Recall**

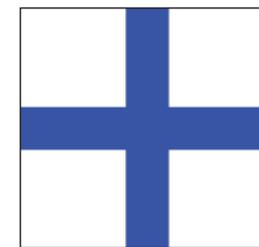
When **at a boat's starting signal** any part of her **hull** is **on the course side** of the starting line **or** she must **comply with** rule **30.1**, the race committee shall promptly **display flag X with one sound**. The flag shall be **displayed until** the hull of each such boat has been **completely on the pre-start side** of the starting line or one of its extensions, and until all such boats have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If rule 29.2, 30.3 or 30.4 applies this rule does not.

*Over early, have to get back to pre-start side of line before you start sailing the course.*

*30.1 I Flag rule: don't be on course side during last minute prior to start.*

*30.3 U Flag rule: don't be on course side, in triangle, disqualified but not if race restarted/resailed.*

*30.4 Black Flag rule: don't be on course side, in triangle, disqualified, even for a restart/resail.*

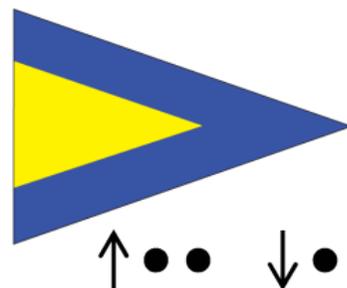


**X**  
Individual recall.



**29.2 General Recall**

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (**display the First Substitute with two sounds**). The **warning signal for a new start** for the recalled class shall be made **one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound)**, and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.



**First Substitute:** General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

**Part 3 – Conduct of a Race:****30 STARTING PENALTIES****30.1 I Flag Rule**

If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a **boat's hull is on the course side** of the starting line or one of its extensions **during the last minute before her starting signal**, she shall sail across an extension so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she *starts*.

**30.2 Z Flag Rule**

If flag Z has been displayed, **no part of a boat's hull** shall be **in the triangle** formed by the **ends of the starting line and the first mark** during the **last minute before her starting signal**. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall receive, without a hearing, a **20% Scoring Penalty** calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). She shall be **penalized even** if the **race is restarted or resailed**, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If she is similarly identified during a subsequent attempt to start the same race, she shall receive an additional **20% Scoring Penalty**.

If she does it again!

**30.3 U Flag Rule**

If flag U has been displayed, **no part of a boat's hull** shall be **in the triangle** formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the **last minute** before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be **disqualified without a hearing**, but not if the race is **restarted or resailed**.

**30.4 Black Flag Rule**

If a black flag has been displayed, **no part of a boat's hull** shall be **in the triangle** formed by the ends of the starting line and the first *mark* during the **last minute** before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be **disqualified without a hearing**, **even if** the race is **restarted or resailed**, but not if it is *postponed* or *abandoned* before the starting signal. If a general recall is signaled or the race is *abandoned* after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.

