

Race Committee Instructions

Thank you for being the Race Committee Chairperson for this coming Saturday's races. Here are some notes to refresh your memory.

- BE AT THE MOORINGS AT 08:15 AND REMIND YOUR HELMSPERSON & ASSISTANT
- RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED TO TOM BAYLISS (bayliss@abramslaster.com) BY E-MAIL BY SATURDAY 1600
- TOM WILL FAX OR EMAIL RACE RESULTS TO THE NEWS JOURNAL BY SATURDAY 1700 (**email to: scores@delawareonline.com or fax attn. sports desk to: 302-324-2298**)
- SIGN UP & SCORE SHEETS MUST BE SIGNED BY RACE COMMITTEE CHAIR & FORWARDED TO TOM BAYLISS FOR TABULATION OF STANDINGS BY SUNDAY 1600
- REFILL GAS CANS FOR COMMITTEE BOAT
- ADVISE RACE COMMITTEE OF ANY SUPPLY NEEDS

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RACE COURSES

Before each race, the Race Committee will decide what course and marks to use in the coming race. This will be communicated to the racers by displaying the orange course code from the committee boat. A chart on each boat shows what these course codes mean. The most common are:

1P once around the triangle

3P once around the triangle, followed by windward-leeward

8P windward-leeward

9P windward-leeward-windward

I prefer a mid-leg start and finish, which allows the committee boat to stay in the same position.

THE START

The first race of the day usually begins at 10:00 AM. Racers should have their boats rigged and near the starting line at least five and preferably ten minutes before this time. The race committee uses a combination of horn blasts and colored flags to begin a race. 15 seconds before beginning the countdown to the starting gun, several short rapid horn blasts are given to get the racers' attention. Five minutes prior to the Start, the class flag

is raised (pendent with a Thistle). Four minutes prior to the Start, a preparatory flag is raised. (Blue square with a smaller white square in the middle). One minute prior to the Start, the preparatory flag is lowered. At the Start, the class flag is lowered.

Start Sequence

15 seconds before countdown, several short, rapid horn blast are given.

Signal	Flag	Sound 2 sec.	Minutes before start
Warning	Class - pendent with a Thistle	1	5
Preparatory	P - blue square with smaller white square in the center	1	4
One- minute	Preparatory flag removed	1	1
Start	Class flag removed	1	0

All races are started using a 5-minute sequence. The raising and lowering of colored flags is accompanied by a horn blast. If the flag raising or lowering and horn blast are not simultaneous, the flag is the official signal.

ADDITIONAL FLAGS

There are also a number of other flags that will be in use. These include the following:

Signal	Flag
General Recall	First Substitute Pennant, triangular with blue border, yellow center
Individual Recall	X white field with blue cross
Lifejackets required	Y yellow and red diagonal stripes
Course change	C blue, white & red vertical stripes
Shortened Course	S white field with blue square in center
Race Abandoned	N blue and white checkered
Come Within Hail or Follow Me	
Race Postponed	Answering Pennant (AP) triangular with red & white vertical stripes
One-minute Rule.	I yellow with black circle in middle

There are reference cards on each boat that show each of the flags and their meanings.