



Flag and Sound Signals for Starting Races and Shortening Course

Postponement Sequence

Time	Signal	Action	Toots	Flags Showing
When needed	Postponement All starts are postponed for an unspecified time	AP raised (Answering Pennant)	2	
Start - 6	End of Postponement Warning signal one minute later	AP lowered	1	No flags showing

Normal Starting Sequence Commences here

Start - 5 (5 minutes before start)	Warning signal Make sure you know the warning flag for your race - G is shown here	Warning flag raised	1	(For example)
Start - 4	Preparatory signal Racing rules now in force	P flag raised	1	
Start - 1	One minute signal Check your watch !	P flag lowered	1	
Start	Starting signal	Warning flag lowered	1	No flags showing * * But note: If another race is starting 5 minutes later, then the new warning flag will be raised at this start

Recall Sequences

Promptly after start (if needed)	Individual Recall One or more boats were on the course side of the line (OCS) and must return	X flag raised	1	
When all boats have started correctly, or 4 minutes after the start if sooner		X flag lowered	0	No flags showing
Soon after start (if needed)	General Recall The whole fleet is recalled for a new start	1st Sub raised (1st Substitute)	2	
Start - 6	End of General Recall Warning signal one minute later	1st Sub lowered	1	No flags showing

Course Shortening

When needed	Course Shortened Leading boat to finish at end of current lap	S flag raised Remains displayed until all boats have finished	2	
When needed	Course Shortened for slow handicap boats Leading slow h'cap boat finishes at end of current lap	D flag raised Remains displayed until all boats have finished	2	Note: this is a special Tudor SC signal