





Appendix S - Sound Signal Starting System

This Appendix is a US SAILING prescription with the exception of Rule S3 which has been modified for SYC races.

Rule S1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.

Rule S2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used

Rule S3 The race committee shall use the following starting sequence with sound signals made at the indicated times.

Signal	Time	Sound	Flag			
Warning	3:00	3 long	Class Flag	Up	↑	Use White Flag until we have class flags
Preparatory	2:00	2 long	P or I Flag	Up	↑	 or 
One Minute	1:00	1 long	P or I Flag	Down	↓	 or 
30 Seconds	0:30	3 short				
20 Seconds	0:20	2 short				
10 Seconds	0:10	1 short				
Starting	0:00	1 long	Class Flag	Down	↓	Use White Flag until we have class flags

Rule S4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement

Rule S5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

Rule S6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed

Rule S7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.