

## Starting Sequence and non-racer Cheat Sheet for the IC30A National Regatta

Remember these are not sailing instructions. If there is conflict between this document and the sailing instructions you must follow the sailing instructions because they are RRS *rules*.

The race will be started by using the following signals. Times will be taken from the visual signals.

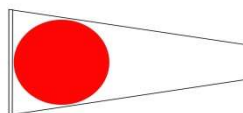
Monitor VHF stated in the SIs for pre-start courtesy broadcasts that may be made by the Race Committee.

- There will be 3 Classes in the IC30A Fleet
- Each class will have its own start and its own class flag. This class flag is a pennant flown from the back of the race committee boat when it is your turn to start. You must avoid the starting area at all other times after the first warning occurs. The starting area is defined as an area extending one-half the length of the starting line behind it and beyond each end.

The **Class Pennants** will be:

Spinnaker Class

Code Flag 1



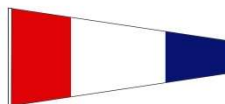
Jib and Main Class

Code Flag 2



Cruising Class

Code Flag 3



**Below is the standard stating sequence signals and timing. See RRS 26**

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Starting signal
Warning	Class flag up; one sound	5
Preparatory	P or I flag up; one sound *	4
One-minute	P or I flag down; one long sound	1
Starting	Class flag down; one sound **	0



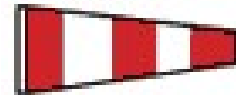
**The First Warning signal for each day are given in the sailing instructions**

\* RRS 30.2, “Z Flag Rule”, and 30.3, “U Flag Rule”, also define two other flags that may be rarely used here. Please be aware of these.

\*\*The warning signal for each succeeding class will usually be made simultaneously with the starting signal of the preceding class. However, the RC may delay a class’s warning to allow previous starters to clear the starting area. Watch for your class’s warning flag since that is the only sure thing!

## Other Visual Signals made by the Race Committee

If for any reason, the Race Committee needs to postpone the starting sequence, the RC shall display the AP flag with two sound signals and the starting sequence is halted. When the RC is ready to start the sequence again, it will take down the AP flag with one sound signal and one minute later shall start the starting sequence again with the Warning Signal. See RRS Race Signals, AP



Flag L means “come within hail” or “follow me”. The RC will typically display this flag when a yacht may check in prior to the first race each day. A RC boat will also display this flag when it wants boats to follow it to another area of the course.



If Flag H is flying then it means that the RC has determined that heavy air racing and scoring conditions exist for that class. Lack of Flag H means that light air racing and scoring conditions exist for that class. This flag applies to Jib and Main and Cruising classes only. See the Sailing Instructions for details.



When at a boat’s starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the line, the RC shall display code flag X with one sound. The flag will be displayed until all such boats are on the pre-start side of the line or one of its extensions, or for four (4) minutes.

Please also read and be aware of rule 30.1 which is in effect if Flag I is shown during the class preparatory signal. When this rule is in effect, boats on the course side of the line must sail across an extension to the pre-start side before starting.



The RC may signal a “general recall” by displaying the First Substitute flag with two sounds at a class’s start. This means there is a false start for the class. 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.



Flag S when flown means “The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.” and this is the finishing line.

