

Racing Rules Committee

Rule B3.26

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

Purpose or Objective

To reinstate the former rule as it was taken out in error.

Proposal

Add new rule B3.26 with the changed wording in B3.26.2(a) and (c):

B3.26 **STARTING RACES**

Add new rules 26.1, 26.2 and 26.3:

B3.26.1 **SYSTEM 1**

See rule 26, Starting Races

B3.26.2 **SYSTEM 2**

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

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting signal</u>
<u>Attention</u>	<u>Class flag or heat number</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Warning</u>	<u>Red flag; attention signal removed; 1 sound</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Preparatory</u>	<u>Yellow flag; red flag removed; 1 sound</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>Yellow flag removed</u>	<u>1/2</u>
<u>Starting</u>	<u>Green flag; 1 sound</u>	<u>0</u>

B3.26.2 **SYSTEM 3 (for Beach Starts)**

- (a)** **The starting stations shall be numbered so that station 1 is the most windward one. The position of the board on the starting grid shall be based to her position in that heat or shared by drawing. The first place on station 1, the second place on station 2, etc.**
- (b)** **After boards have been called to take their positions, the race committee shall make the preparatory signal by displaying a red flag with one sound. The starting signal shall be made, at any time after the preparatory signal, by removing the red flag with one sound.**
- (c)** **After the starting signal each board shall take the shortest route from her starting station to the water and then to her sailing position without interfering other boards. Part 2 rules will apply when both of the competitor's feet are on the board.**

Current Position

There is no such a rule in RRS 2013-2016

Reason

To reinstate the former rule from the RRS 2009-2012 as it was taken out in error.
