

## Racing Rules of Sailing

### Rule C3.1

A submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

#### Purpose or Objective

To improve and simplify the starting procedures for match racing.

#### Proposal

##### **C3.1 Starting Signals**

The signals for starting a match shall be as follows. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. If more than one match will be sailed, the starting signal for one match shall be the warning signal for the next match.

<i>Time in minutes</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
10	Flag F displayed	One	Attention signal
6	Flag F removed	None	
5	Numeral pennant displayed*	One	Warning signal
4	Flag P displayed	One	Preparatory signal
2	Blue or yellow flag or both displayed**	One**	End of pre-start entry time
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>Flag P removed</u></b>	<b><u>One</u></b>	
0	Warning <del>and preparatory</del> signals removed	One	Starting signal

\*Within a flight, numeral pennant 1 means Match 1, pennant 2 means Match 2, etc., unless the sailing instructions state otherwise.

\*\* These signals shall be made only if one or both boats fail to comply with rule C4.2. The flag(s) shall be displayed until the umpires have signalled a penalty or for one minute, whichever is earlier.

#### Current Position

As above.

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Reason

The one minute time to start is helpful information for both competitors and spectators. The proposal will also simplify the signalling at the moment of the starting signal.