

## Notice to Competitors

### Starting System

As per SI 12.6, the numeric starting system will be used for the following Events.

EVENT: Nacra 17      DATE Wednesday 19 August

RRS 26 and Sailing instruction 12 are deleted and replaced with:

## 12. THE START

- 12.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and either
- 12.1.1** the course side of the port-end inflatable starting mark, or
  - 12.1.2** a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 12.2** A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting boat ground tackle. [DP]
- 12.3** When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions. [DP]
- 12.4** Races will be started using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the display of visual signals. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal displayed	Visual signal removed	Sound Signal	Means
5	White flag with the number 5 over the Class Flag (if needed)		One	Warning signal
4	P, U, or Black	White flag	One	Preparatory Signal
3	Pink flag with number 3		One	Three minutes
2	Red flag with number 2	Pink flag	One	Two minutes
1	Yellow flag with number 1	Red flag and P,U, or Black	One long sound	One minute
0	Green flag	Yellow flag	One	Start signal
+1		Green flag	No sound	

- 12.5** If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This

changes RRS 26, and A5. When flag U is displayed as the preparatory signal RRS 29.1 does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes RRS A11.

- 12.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

ISAF Numeric Starting System Starting Procedure				
Minutes to Start	Signal	Sound Signal	Flags	Summary
10	Orange Flag	Sound Signal	Raise Orange	 ↑ 
5	WARNING Number 5	Sound Signal	Raise Number 5	 ↑ 
4	PREPARATORY P, U or Black	Sound Signal	Raise P, U or Black Lower Number 5	 ,  or  ↑   ↓
3	Number 3	Sound Signal	Raise Number 3	 ↑ 
2	Number 2	Sound Signal	Raise Number 2 Lower Number 3	 ↑   ↓
1	Number 1	Long Sound Signal	Raise Number 1 Lower Number 2, and P, U or Black	 ↑   ,  ,  or  ↓
0	Green Flag	Sound Signal	Raise Green Lower Number 1	 ↑   ↓
+1	or General Recall		Lower Green	 ↓