



ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON Race Management

Job Title: Timer

Job Description: Responsible for the starting sequence and assisting the RO with other tasks as directed.

Experience /Skills:

- a) Concentration
- b) Loud clear voice
- c) Accurately use a time piece.

Prior Knowledge:

- a) A basic understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing, PART 3 – Conduct of a race.
- b) To have read and understood the sailing instructions, particularly the starting sequence.
- c) Knowledge of Flags used in Time Sequence.

Equipment Required:

- a) Two Digital timepieces (second as backup)
- b) Timing Sheet & Clipboard
- c) Pen/pencils and Sharpener
- d) Current Rule Book
- e) Current RSYS Handbook

Before Leaving Dock:

1. Attend Briefing with RO and other Race Management Members.
2. Check and Set timepieces to Eastern Standard/Eastern Standard Summer Time (against the start boat GPS/Chart plotter)

The timer takes orders directly from the RO and provides prompts for the flags signaller. Times during the starting sequence should be called aloud.

During the last minute to a flag movement, call the time every 10 seconds. When there are five seconds to go count down each second, "**5, 4, 3, 2, 1, NOW.**"

Typical Timing Calls at Start of Race (Main Series):

Table 1 below shows the calls that will be typically made during the starting sequence. Each call should be made in a clear loud voice.

The hoisting of the Course flag is at the discretion of the Race officer once the start boat is on station, but no later than 5 minutes prior to the start of the race.

Typical Timing Calls at Start of Race (Regattas):

Table 2 below shows the calls that will be typically made during a regatta starting sequence.

Table 1

Timers Log -		Date:		
CALL / FLAG ACTION	Std. Time	Alt. Time 1	Alt. Time 2	Alt. Time 3
1 Hour to Warning Signal	1055			
50 Minutes to Warning Signal	1105			
40 Minutes to Warning Signal	1115			
30 Minutes to Warning Signal	1125			
20 Minutes to Warning Signal	1135			
11 Minutes to Warning Signal	1146			
10 Minutes to Warning Signal -	1145			
6 Minutes to Warning Signal	1149			
5 Minutes to Warning Signal - Orange & Course Flag	1150*			
4 Minutes to Warning Signal	1151			
3 Minutes to Warning Signal	1152			
2 Minutes to Warning Signal	1153			
1 Minutes to Warning Signal	1154			
Division 1 Warning "Q" UP	1155*			
Division 1 Prep UP	1156*			
2 Minutes to Prep Down	1157			
1 Minute to Prep Down	1158			
Prep DOWN - 1 Minute to Division 1 Start	1159*			
Div 1 Start / Div 2 Warning "Q" DOWN + "K" UP	1200*			
Div 2 Prep UP	1201*			
2 Minutes to Prep Down	1202			
1 Minute to Prep Down	1203			
Prep DOWN - 1 Minute to Division 2 Start	1204*			
Start Div 2 Warning "K" DOWN + "R" UP	1205*			
Div 3 Prep UP	1206*			
2 Minutes to Prep Down	1207			
1 Minute to Prep Down	1208			
Prep DOWN - 1 Minute to Division NS Start	1209*			
Start Div 3 Warning "R" DOWN + "H" UP	1210*			
Div NS Prep UP	1211*			
2 Minutes to Prep Down	1212			
1 Minute to Prep Down	1213			
Prep DOWN - 1 Minute to Division NS Start	1214*			
Start Div NS "H" DOWN	1215*			
Course Flag DOWN (Confirm with RO)	1219	(If all boats have started)		

Note: Times in **Bold** denotes Flag movement - " * " denotes Flag movement with sound signal

Table 2

Regatta - Timer / Starters Log

RRS 26

Series:

Date:		Start Area:	
Class:		Wind Speed:	
Race Number:		Wind Direction:	
Course Number:		Your Name:	

	Clock Time	Re - Start 1	Re - Start 2
1 Minute to Orange flag			
Orange Flag Up			
1 Minute to Course flag			
Course Flag UP			
5 Minutes to Warning Signal			
4 Minutes to Warning Signal			
3 Minutes to Warning Signal			
2 Minutes to Warning Signal		<i>1 min to 1st Sub down</i>	
1 Minute to Warning Signal		<i>1 min to Warning Sig</i>	
WARNING SIGNAL		<i>New warning Signal</i>	<i>New warning Signal</i>
1 Minute to Prep Signal			
PREPARATORY SIGNAL			
3 Minutes to Prep Drop			
2 Minutes to Prep Drop			
1 Minute to Prep Drop			
PREPARATORY DROP			
1 Minute to Start			
START			
4 Minutes after Start Drop of Recall Flag (if required)			
General Recall: (New Warning - 1 Minute after drop of 1st Sub)			
Individual Recall – <i>Sail numbers</i> ⇨			
Black Flag: – <i>Sail numbers</i> ⇨			
OCS: <i>Sail numbers</i> ⇨			
Race Postponed at:			
Race Abandoned at:			

Notes: