




Mug 2016 Starting Sequence and Associated Flags and Sounds

For those skippers not totally familiar with the Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 26 Starting the following is a brief “unofficial summary of the sequence we will be using for Mug Race 16 which includes a modified “I” Flag rule.

Time before start	Event	Flag	Sound
Five Minutes	Warning Signal	Class Flag Golf 	One short horn
Four Minutes	Preparatory Flag India is raised	Flag India (RRS 30.1) 	One short horn
One Minute	Preparatory Flag India comes down. Any boat on the course side of the line or its extensions is OCS.		One <u>Long</u> Horn
Zero	Start - Class Flag Golf comes down		One short horn

Any boat that is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions within one minute of the starting time is considered on course side (OCS) and must proceed around an end of the starting line and restart. For the Mug Race we have modified this. If a boat is OCS and within five boat lengths of the starting line or its extensions it may accept a five minute penalty to its elapsed time and not have to restart but may continue on. If it is greater than five boat lengths from the starting line or its extensions or chooses not to accept the alternative penalty it must proceed around one of the ends of the line and restart.

If the signal boat displays code flag x-ray  and sounds one short horn it means that one or more boats are OCS. With the number of boats and the length of the starting line it will not be possible to hail each boat. If for some reason the Race Committee must delay the start it will display the answer pennant  with two short horns. It will come down with one horn and signify the class flag will be raised in one minute.