

Start Boat Roles

POSITION	KEY POINTS	ACTIVITIES	TOOLS
Race Officer	Reports to: OOD, Sailing office Mgr	All Race management duties. Requires qualifications under ISAF regulations. Has complete control of the race – Wait for Instructions from Race officer or check with them before taking action.	
Timer	Reports to: Race Officer Key Competencies: Flag familiarity, use and sounds Knowing timing variations for different events (individual, etc.) Knowledge of the boat symbols & course board setup	Makes oneself aware of timing of regatta. Create time table with Key warnings and signals. Communicate this to the flags person and other crew on board Work with sounds person (if separate person) Communicate to R.O. as key timings are upcoming Communicates with Flags person to keep the focus Communicate over radio to pin boats and umpires re: start sequence Communicate sequence of races to Flags and other persons Ensures the course board is correct	Stop Watch Compass (maybe) Timing Box (if R.O.) requests use Blank Paper or Timing Sheets Horn if needed Radio (if RO asks to call the start)
Flags	Reports to: Race Officer and Timer Key Competencies: Can identify flags and their use	Ensures all flags are on board before leaving harbor – replace any missing Places flags needed for the racing on the appropriate halyards Has all flags prepared and nearby if not on halyards. Flag familiarity, Know what sounds go with what flag and what the following mean: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • General • Class Flag • "p" "Black" and "U" • Abandon "N" • Postpone "AP" • Follow Us "L" Etc.	Long arms!

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Recorder	Reports to: RO	Keeps notes of each communication from the RO to other boats or vice versa. Can assist with Radio if asked by RO	Notebook & pen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording Wind 	Reports to: RO	<p>Uses compass and wind indicator to determine direction of the wind.</p> <p>Records results for every 5 minutes on wind graph</p> <p>Records readings coming in from other boats on the course</p> <p>Reports to RO on trends when asked</p> <p>Reports to RO on shifts of wind larger than 10*</p> <p>Confirms wind throughout the duration of the racing</p>	Compass Wind Indicator Anemometer if given one by RO Wind Chart from RO Pen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recording Sails 	Reports to: RO/Recorder for RO	<p>Records arrival of participants to ensure an accurate count of boats</p> <p>Gives Ro or recorder for RO the number of each fleet if asked</p> <p>Listens for any boats leaving the race course in order to track them back to shore</p>	Pen, Clipboard, list of participants or piece of paper for recording
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Board 	Reports to: RO	<p>Ensures that the course board has the correct information displaying as directed by the Race Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bearing of the wind The sequence of the races and the courses each fleet will be sailing <p>Ensure the course board is displayed at the boat of the boat or other prominent place in such time the sailors are made aware before racing starts.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sounds 	Reports to: RO & Timer	<p>Responds with sound on Timer's countdown</p> <p>Responds with sound on Race Officers direction of "Individual" or "General"</p> <p>Is familiar with flags and their sounds</p>	Horn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio Monitoring 	Reports to: RO	<p>Stands by radio and relays messages if RO is elsewhere.</p>	