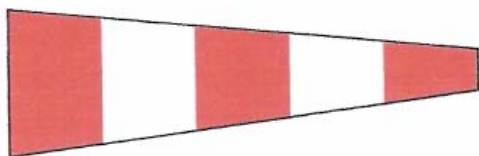


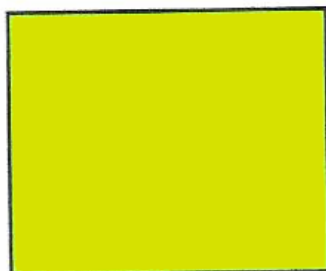
SWYC Field Guide to Committee Boat Flags on the Race Course



AP Flag (A Postponement)

When you see this flag it means the start of the race has been postponed.

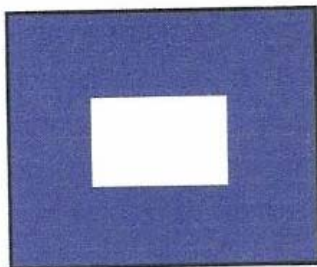
This flag goes up with two sound signals to let you know that the start of the race will be late. When the race can get started again, the AP flag comes down with one sound. One minute later, the 5-minute warning signal (the class flag) will go up.



Class Flag (aka 5-minute warning signal)

When you see this flag it signifies the 5-minute warning before the start.

This flag goes up with one sound signal to let you know the race will start in 5 minutes. In the starting sequence, remember that times should be taken from the flags when we have them. Sounds are just for extra help. Flags rule.

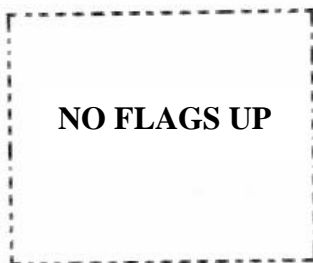


P Flag (Preparatory, aka Papa)

When you see this flag, you get prepared to start.

This flag goes up with one sound signal to let you know the race will start in 4 minutes.

This flag comes down with one long sound signal to let you know the race will start in 1 minute.



No flags up at all.

This means the race has started. Sail fast!

The class flag comes down with one sound to signal "GO."



X Flag. (Individual Recall)

When you see this flag at the start it means someone crossed the start line too soon. Was it you? The race committee will let you know.

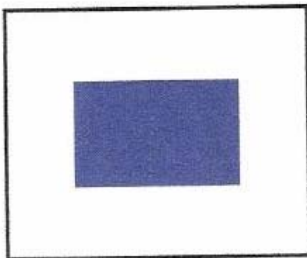
This flag goes up with one sound signal to let you know to see if the race committee is signaling you that you started too early. If you did, you have to go back behind the start line and start over. Be sure to keep out of the way of the other boats.



General Recall

When you see this flag, most everybody jumped the gun so we all have to start over.

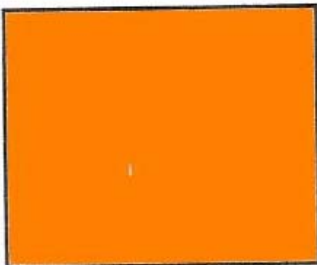
This flag goes up with 2 sound signals to let you know we all have to start over. Once everybody gets back behind the start line, the race committee will lower the General Recall flag with one sound signal, and one minute later, the 5-minute warning flag (the class flag) will go up for the new start sequence.



S Flag (Shorten Course aka Sierra)

When you see this flag you won't be sailing as long a course as originally planned.

This flag goes up with two sound signals to let you know that the course has been made shorter. The details will have been explained during the skippers meeting. On a WL course it will mean you finish now and don't go around another lap.



Line Flag

When you see this flag, you know where the start/finish line is.

The start/finish line is between the committee boat and the pin mark. The race committee sights the start/finish line from this orange flag on the boat to the orange flag on the pin mark.

