

Part 3 – Conduct of a Race:

A one turn penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe

31 TOUCHING A MARK

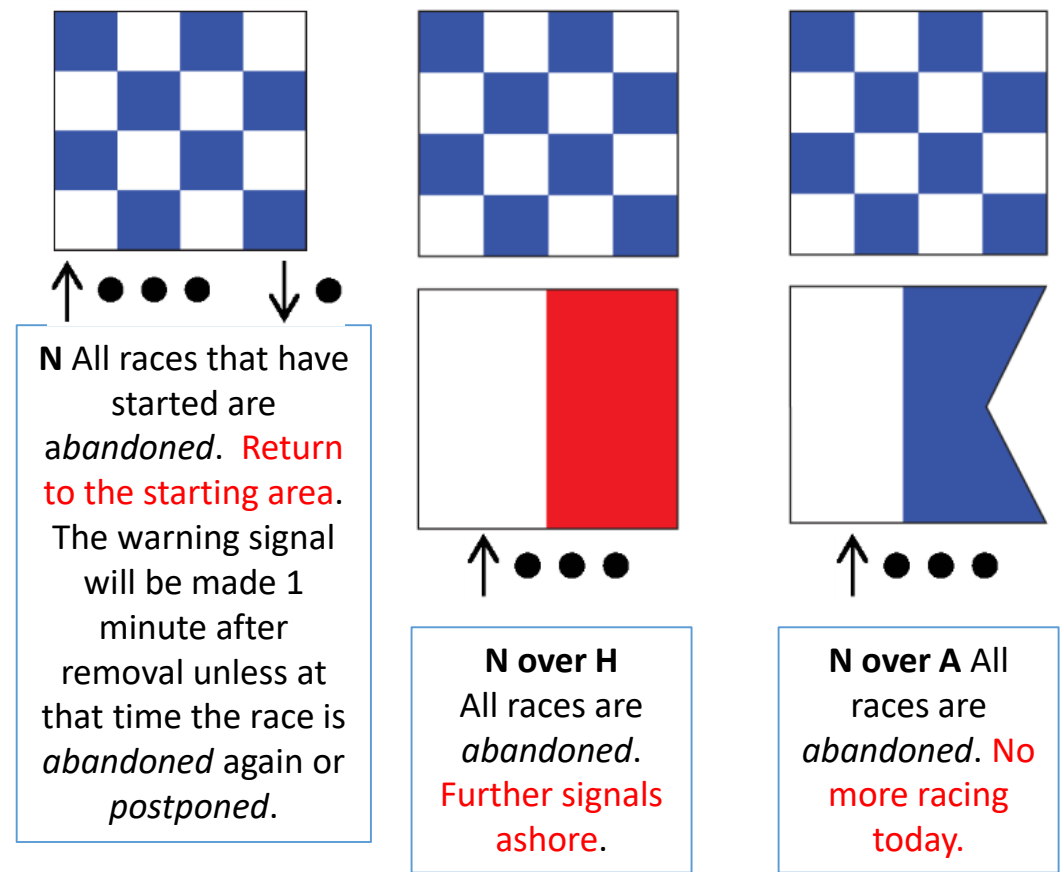
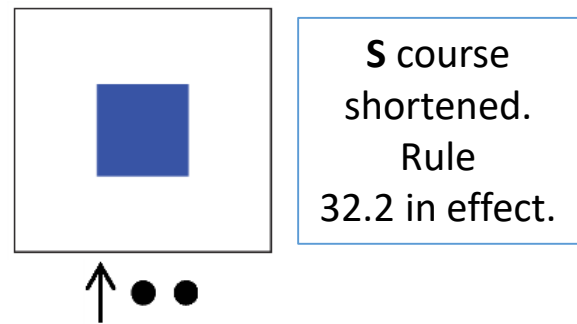
While *racing*, a boat shall not touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.

32 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

32.1 After the **starting signal**, the race committee may shorten the course (display **flag S with two sounds**) or **abandon** the race (display **flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds**),

- (a) because of **foul weather**,
- (b) because of **insufficient wind** making it unlikely that any boat will *finish* within the race time limit,
- (c) because a **mark is missing** or out of position, or
- (d) for any other reason directly affecting the **safety or fairness** of the competition.

In addition, the race committee may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed, or *abandon* the race because of an error in the starting procedure. **However, after one boat has started, sailed the course and finished** within the race time limit, if any, the race committee **shall not abandon** the race **without considering the consequences for all boats** in the race or series.



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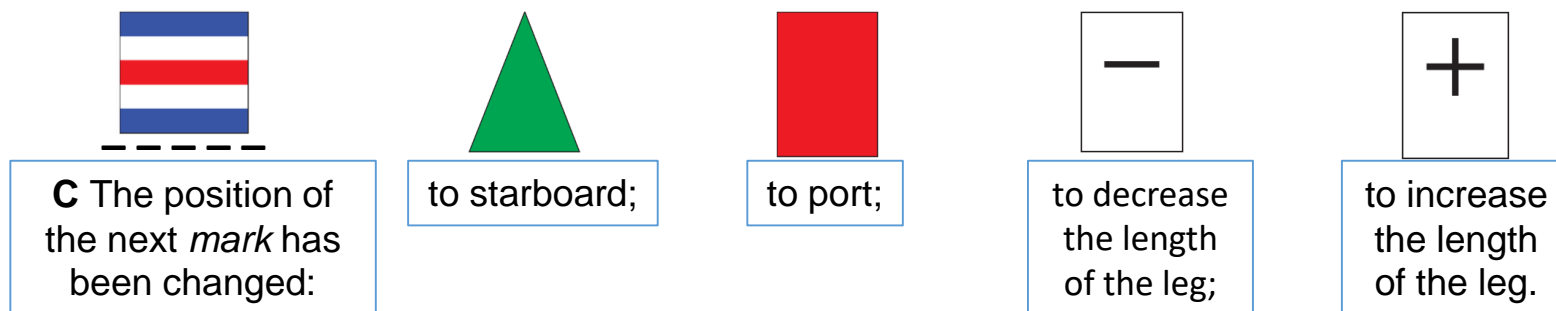
- 32.2** If the race committee signals a **shortened course** (displays flag S with two sounds), the **finishing line shall be**,
- at a **rounding mark**, **between** the **mark** and a staff displaying **flag S**;
 - a line** the course requires boats to cross; or
 - at a gate**, between the gate *marks*.

The shortened course shall be **signaled before** the **first boat crosses the finishing line**.

33 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

While boats are *racing*, the race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* or at a gate by changing the position of the next *mark* (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next *mark* need not be in position at that time.

- If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of **flag C with repetitive sounds** and one or both of
 - the new compass bearing,
 - a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.
- If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a ‘–’ if the length will be decreased or a ‘+’ if it will be increased.



- Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling to maintain the course shape.

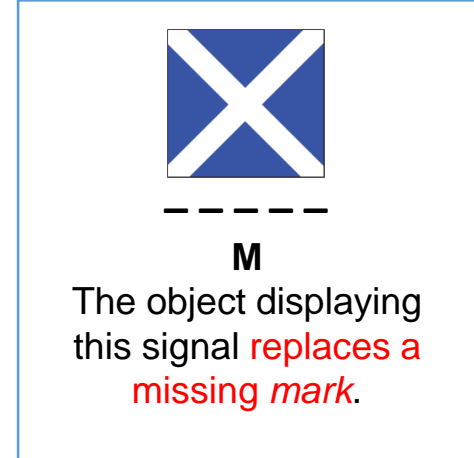
I have seen the course changed over the radio for Cape Charles by moving the starting line closer to the finish line. These flag signals aren't very definitive & I think more for dingy/420 racing. Anyone have any other experiences?

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34 MARK MISSING

If a *mark* is missing or out of position while boats are *racing*, the race committee shall, **if possible**,

- (a) **replace** it in its correct position or substitute a new one of similar appearance, or
- (b) **substitute** an **object displaying flag M** and make **repetitive sound signals**.



35 RACE TIME LIMIT AND SCORES

If **one boat** starts, sails the course and **finishes** within the time limit for that race, if any, **all boats that finish** shall be **scored** according to their finishing places **unless the race is abandoned**. If **no boat finishes within the race time limit**, the race committee shall **abandon** the race.

At least one boat must finish for a valid race. The RC challenge: Lay out a course that the slowest boat should be able to finish and enough sailing for the fastest boats to compete with each other.

36 RACES RESTARTED OR RESAILED

If a race is restarted or resailed, a **breach of a rule in the original race**, or in any previous restart or resail of that race, **shall not**

- (a) **prohibit a boat** from **competing unless** she has **broken** rule **30.4**; **or**
- (b) **cause a boat to be penalized except** under **rule 2, 30.2, 30.4 or 69 or under rule 14** when she has caused **injury** or **serious damage**.

30.4: Black Flag rule

2: Fair Sailing, 30.2: Z flag rule, 69: Misconduct, or 14: Avoiding Contact

37 SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTRUCTIONS

When the race committee displays **flag V with one sound**, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible, **monitor** the race committee **communication channel for search and rescue instructions**.

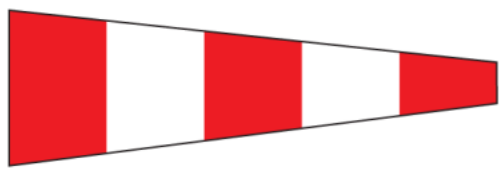


V Flag not pictured in Racing Rules.

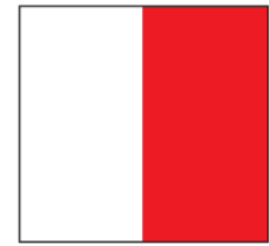
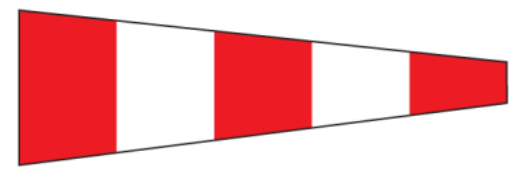
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Postponement Signals

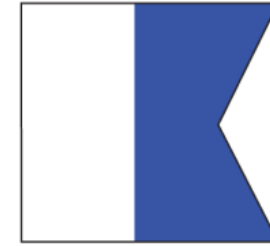
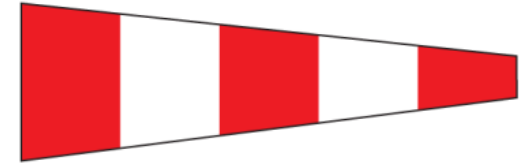
Postponement procedure isn't talked about except under race signals, so....



AP Races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.



AP over H Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore.



AP over A Races not started are postponed. No more racing today.

AP over a Numeral Pennant 1–9

Postponement of 1-9 hours from the scheduled starting time.

I am not going to nerd this out with Pennants 1 – 9. They are in the RRS. 😊

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One last thought about signals

Other Signals



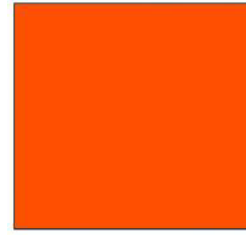
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Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted.
Afloat: Come within hail or follow this vessel.



M

The object displaying this signal **replaces a missing mark.**



(no sound)

Orange flag.

The staff displaying this flag is one end of the **starting** line.



(no sound)

Blue flag.

The staff displaying this flag is one end of the **finishing** line.

This concludes Part 3