ONE° 15 BROOKLYN SAIL CLUB

RACE COMMITTEE GUIDEBOOK

2017

RACE COMMITTEE GOALS

- Offer fair competition to all skippers

- Give competitors a good start line, course, and a finish line

- Starts on time, gives clear racing instructions, and signals, sets a precise course and adjusts promptly to changing wind conditions

THE TEAM

- Principal Race Officer (in charge)

- Crew duties

  - Time keeper

  - Recorder

  - Flags and sounds

  - Line judge

RACE DAY COMPONENTS

- Preparation

- Setting marks

- The start

- During the race

- The finish

RACE DAY PREPARATION

- Weather check

- Ground tackle check

- Marks inflated

- Clocks and watches checked

- Flag inventory

- Check-in sheet, recording sheets, pencils

- White board and lettering

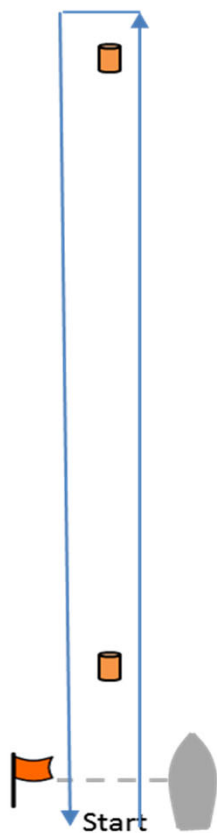- Check radio on Race Committee Channel
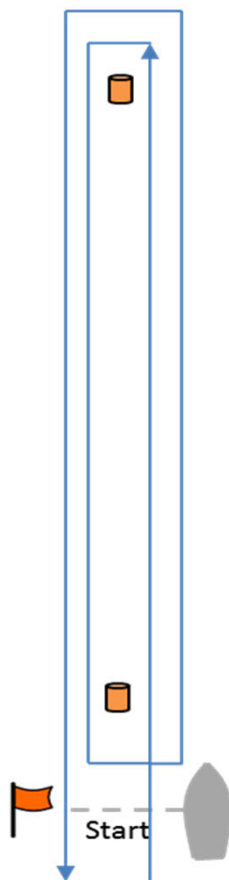
SETTING MARKS

- Attach all lines to marks and anchors
  - Mark – chain – line – chain – mark
- Drop pin mark first, pay out line and then drop remaining chain and anchor.
  - Check to see if mark is set or dragging

- Set anchor for signal boat. Increase scope to make the line square and 1.5x aggregate boat length
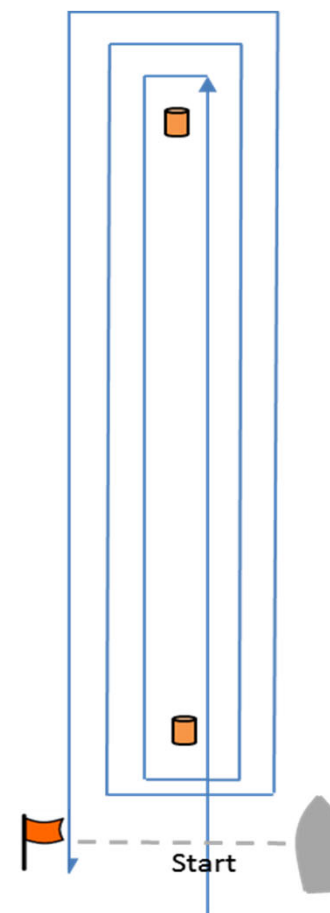
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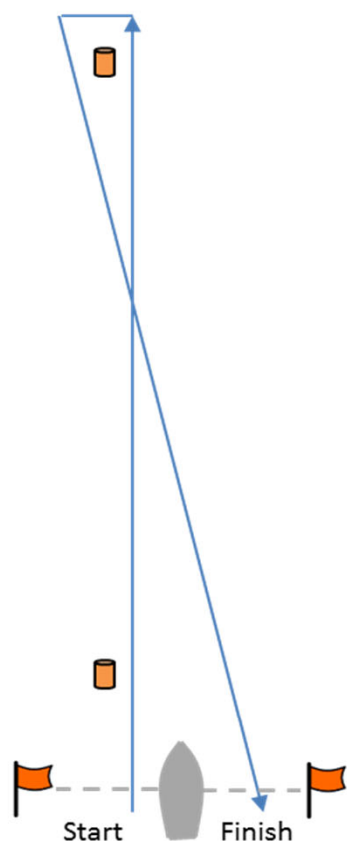
W1 or X1
Start-w(p) -Finish

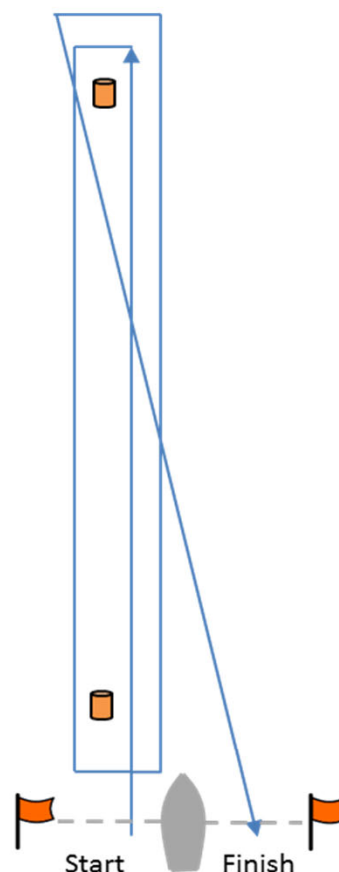W2 or X2
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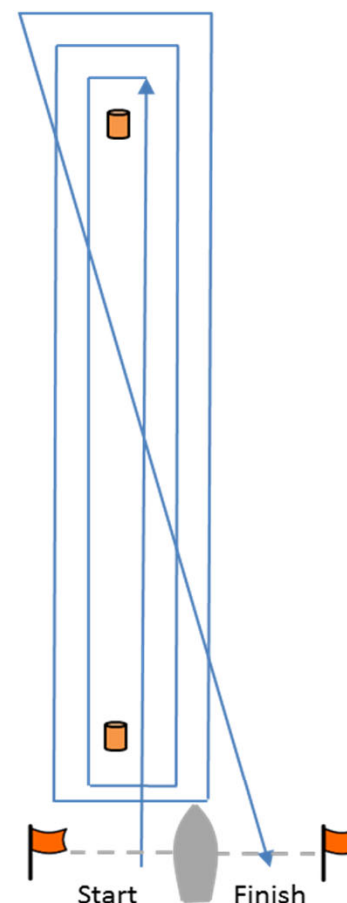w(p) - l(p)-
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THE RACE COURSE – MULTI FLEET

W1 or X1
Start-w(p) -Finish

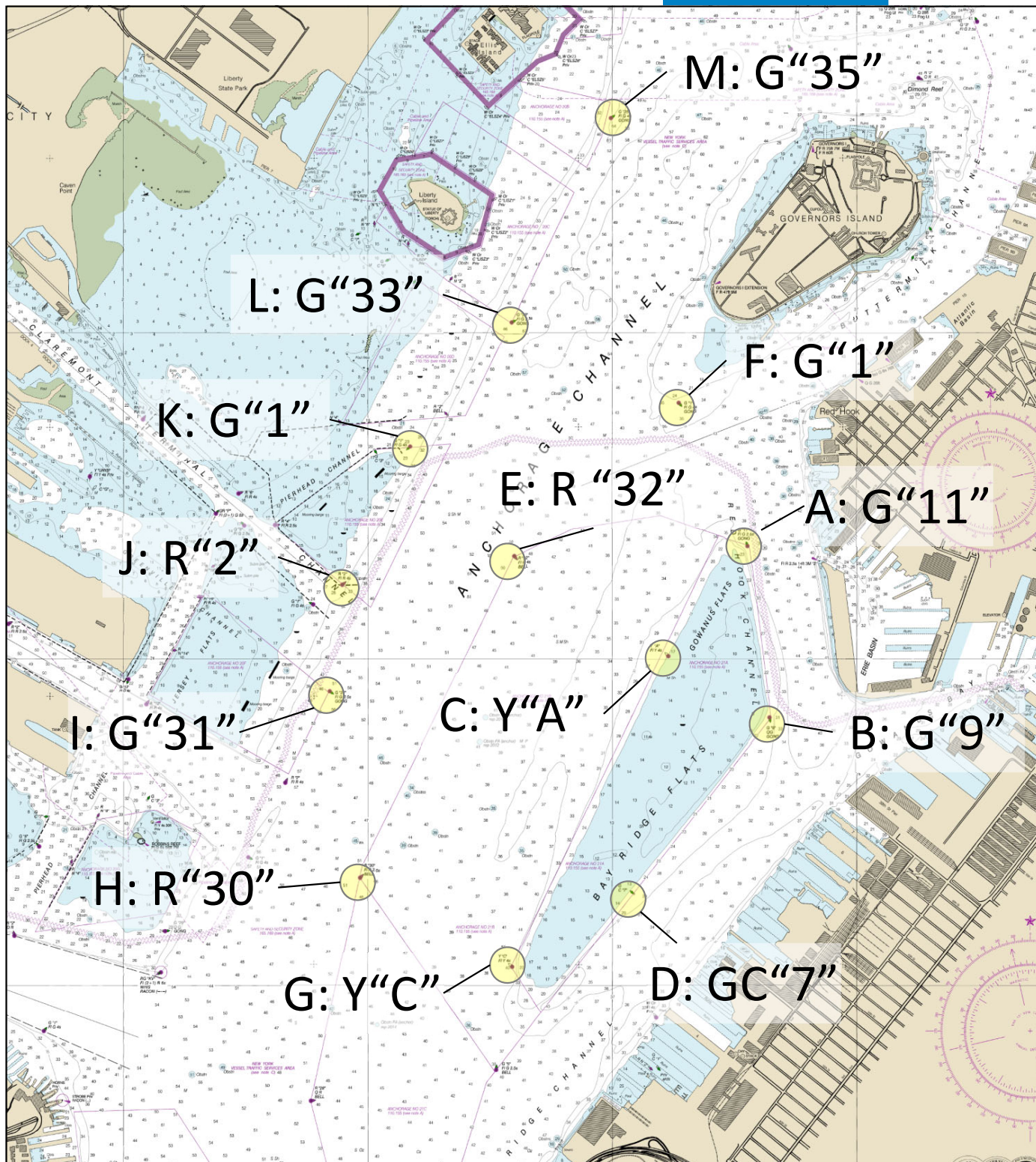W2 or X2
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w(p) - Finish

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APPENDIX A:

2015 ONE15 Brooklyn Sail Club Racing Government Marks

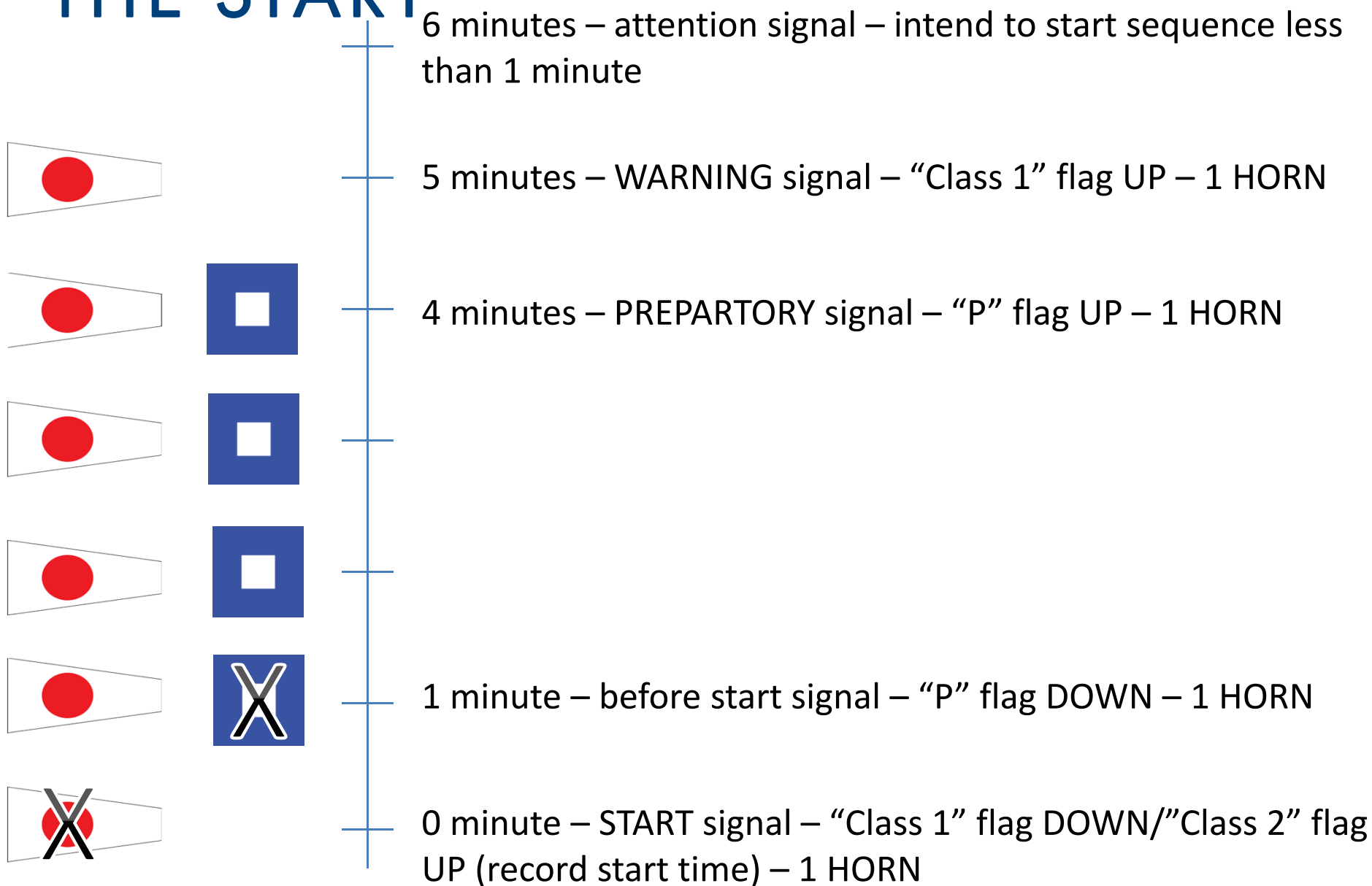Map labels:

- M: G"35"
- L: G"33"
- F: G"1"
- K: G"1"
- E: R "32"
- A: G"11"
- J: R"2"
- C: Y"A"
- B: G"9"
- I: G"31"
- H: R"30"
- G: Y"C"
- D: GC"7"

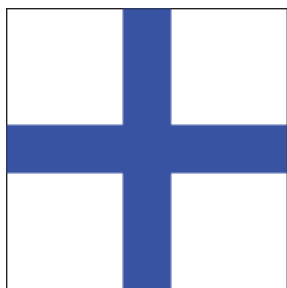|		
A	G "11"	Erie Basin
B	G "9"	Gowanus
C	Y "A"	Gowanus Flats
D	GC "7"	Bay Ridge Flats
E	R "32"	Mid-Hudson N.
F	G "1"	S. Governors Island
G	Y "C"	S. Bay Ridge
H	R "30"	Mid-Hudson N.
I	G "31"	Jersey Flats
J	R "2"	Claremont Terminal
K	G "1"	Pierhead Channel
L	G "33"	Statue of Liberty
M	G "35"	Ellis Island
X	Special Mark	

PRE-START CHECK

- Record all boats checking in

- Review starting procedure with all crew

- Line flag set (orange)

- Flags on poles
  - "AP"
  - "Class flag"
  - "P"
  - "X" and "1st Substitute"
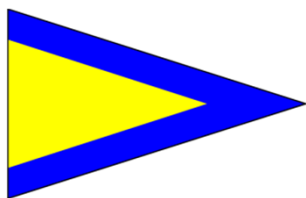
- Timer, horn and VHF check

THE START

6 minutes – attention signal – intend to start sequence less than 1 minute

5 minutes – WARNING signal – "Class 1" flag UP – 1 HORN

4 minutes – PREPARTORY signal – "P" flag UP – 1 HORN

1 minute – before start signal – "P" flag DOWN – 1 HORN

0 minute – START signal – "Class 1" flag DOWN/"Class 2" flag UP (record start time) – 1 HORN

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Individual Recall

"X" UP -1 HORN

"X" flag DOWN – 1 HORN earlier of restarting and 4 minutes

General Recall

"First Substitute" UP - 2 HORNS
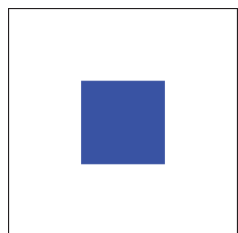
"First Substitute" DOWN - 1 HORN

DURING THE RACE

Course change

"C" Flag UP with repeated HORNs

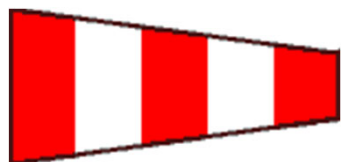With red/green or +/-

Shorten course to finish

"S" Flag with repeated HORNs
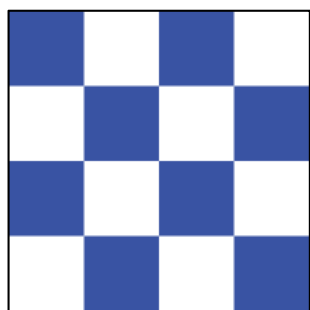
Finish at line flag at end of leg

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Before the start (postpone)

"AP" UP with 2 HORNs

"AP" DOWN with 1 HORN – 1 minute to WARNING

After the start (abandon)

"N" UP with 3 HORNS

"N" DOWN with 1 HORNS – 1 minute to WARNING

FINISH CHECK

- Record time of first and last finishers

- Record all boats finishing

- Record any protest flags

- Fly "YELLOW" flag to indicate another race to follow

INFORMATION

References:

"Join the Race Committee" US Sailing

Are you interested in helping out? Contact the director of sailing operations for more information.