

BSC Sunday race start procedures

1. Starting Times

Keelboats

Spring / Summer Series	Division A	1400 hrs
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Winter Series	Division A	1300 hrs
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Dinghies

Spring Series	Division 1	1410 hrs
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Summer Series	Division 1	1410 hrs
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Winter Series	Division 1	1310 hrs
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2. Starting Signals

Races will be started as follows. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Signals will be made from signal lights mounted on the clubhouse above the starting line.

Warning Signal - Five minutes before the start of the race a blue light will be turned on and a sound signal made.

Preparatory Signal - Four minutes before the start of the race a red light will be turned on, the blue light will be turned off, and a sound signal made.

One-minute Signal - One minutes before the start of the race an amber light will be turned on, the red light will be turned off, and a sound signal made.

Starting Signal - At the start of the race a green light will be turned on, the amber light will be turned off, and a sound signal made.

3. Late Starters

If a boat is towed or under motor to make the start line after the preparatory signal, it can exonerate itself by completing a 360° turn before crossing the start line, but must keep clear behind boats already in the starting area that are manoeuvring for the start. This same rule applies to boats sailing into the start area close to the start line from the moorings after their preparatory signal.

Boats on the course side of the line after the one-minute signal shall cross the line pass to the rear of the fleet and complete a 360 degree turn while keeping clear of other starters before starting to race.

4. Keeping Clear at the Starting Line

Boats who are in Divisions whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Warning Signal have been made. 100 metres clear of the start line is the advised minimum distance. The Race Committee or Sailing Committee may disqualify any boat not complying with this rule.

5. Recalls

Recalls will be indicated by the recall light – a blue light mounted above the starting lights – and sound signals.

An individual recall will be indicated by the recall light accompanied by a single sound signal made immediately after the starting signal. The starting light will remain on.

The recall light will remain on until:

- all recalled boats have returned and re-crossed the starting line, **or**
- four minutes after the starting signal.

Individual boats will not be identified – it is the sole responsibility of the recalled boat to return and re-cross the starting line if any part of its hull, crew, or equipment is over the line at the starting signal.

A general recall will be indicated by the recall light and two sound signals made immediately after the starting signal. The starting light will be turned off.

In the event of a general recall there will be no further warning signal; and four minutes after the recalled start the recall light will be switched off and one minute later a fresh warning signal made, signalling five minutes to the new start.