Starting Races and Race signals

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down $(\uparrow\downarrow)$ means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (\bullet) means a sound; five short Dashes (----) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (--) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

Flag Description	Flag	Up/Down (↑↓) & Sound (•)	Definition	Start Sequence (5, 4, 1, 0)	Mins
AP - Postponement		↑•• ↓•	AP Races not started are <i>Postponed</i> . The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is <i>postponed</i> again or <i>abandoned</i> .	1 minute after the Postponement flag is lowered, the warning signal will be made	
Pennant 1 - Mono's		↑• ↓•		Warning signal – Pennant 1 raised, 1 sound	5
Class				Pennant 1 lowered, 1 sound (Race Starts)	0
P - Preparatory signal		↑• ↓—		Preparatory signal raised, 1 sound	4
				Preparatory signal lowered, 1 long sound	1
Pennant 2 - Cat's Class		↑• ↓•		Pennant 2 raised – Start of Cat's 5 min sequence	0
Pennant 3 - Junior's Class		↑• ↓•		Pennant 3 raised – Start of Juniors 5 min sequence	0
X - Individual recall		↑•			
First Substitute - General recall		↑•• ↓•	General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.		
S - Shortened Course		↑••	The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect. (The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.)		
C - Changing the Next Leg			The position of the next <i>mark</i> has been changed.		
N - Abandonment Signal		↑••• ↓•	All races that have started are <i>abandoned</i> . Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is <i>abandoned</i> again or <i>postponed</i> .		