








Race Start Sequence

The authoritative description of the five minute race start sequence can be found in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.

Flags Use	Signal	Flag	Flag Name	Description
before racing	none		race committee flag	not necessary but a handy wind direction indicator
before racing	none		yellow flag	marks the start line - put up before racing starts
5 min 15 sec	• • •	none	none	start sequence will begin in 15 seconds
5 minutes	↑ •		class flag	indicates five minutes until the race start - the flag indicates which class of boat is starting
4 minutes	↑ •		preparator flag	begin preparator period - indicates four minutes until the race start
1 minute	↓ —		preparator flag	end preparator period - indicates one minute until the race start
race start	↓ •		class flag	indicates that the race has started
begin last leg	↑		blue flag	indicates “on station” at the finish line - raised when the first boat crosses the final mark before the finish

Note: • indicates a short sound and — indicates a long sound.

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