

## **TIMER SCRIPT**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the starting process be done by the Timer, thereby releasing the RO to concentrate on the start line and course conditions.

When the RO is ready for a start sequence he/she will advise the Timer and the Timer will then take over the start sequence.

The Timer becomes involved as soon as the signal boat is on station. Often the signal boat is on station one hour before the scheduled start which permits the Timer and start team to practice, check equipment, etc.

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On station, the Timer assembles the starting team and they do several practice starts.

The Timer announces each 10 minutes prior to the warning signal, eg 40, 30, 20, 10, 5 minutes.

Warning signal in five minutes, flags ready, sounds ready, special flags ready, recorders ready.

1 minute to warning signal class flag ready, sounds ready.

The timer announces every ten seconds of the last minute, loud, so that it can be heard on the line sight tape recorder.

The last 10 seconds to the warning signal are announced.

Warning signal with one sound

Timer announces 1 minute to the Preparatory signal, Preparatory signal will be P ( I or Black) Preparatory ready, sounds ready.

The last 10 seconds to the Preparatory signal are announced, as are:

3 minutes to the drop of the preparatory signal, 4 minutes to start.

2 minutes to the drop of the preparatory signal, 3 minutes to start.

1 minute to the drop of the preparatory signal, 2 minutes to start. flags, sounds ready.

1 minute to start, flags, sounds, special flags ready ( special flags = X, AP, N, 1st Sub)

The Timer announces every ten seconds of the last minute, loud.

The last 10 seconds to the start are announced.

If there is a second start that will be rolled, that is where the start of the first race is the warning of the second race, then the warning signal for the second start will also need to be ready.

In this case the drop of the first start warning signal and the hoist of the second start warning signal will occur simultaneously.

If just prior to the start, (up to a second prior to the start) the RO decides to abandon the race there will be an AP hoisted with two sounds.

If at the start there is an OCS, it will be announced by the RO immediately and the X flag with a sound will be required instantly.

If immediately following the start the RO calls "General Recall" the 1st Sub with two sounds will be hoisted.

If shortly after the start the RO calls for abandonment, the "N" flag with three sounds will be hoisted.

If either the AP, 1st Sub, or N flag is flying the next warning signal will be one minute after the drop of any of these flags to begin the re-start of the race.

For a delay of the scheduled start, and subsequent starts, the AP flag is normally hoisted per direction of the RO.

When ready the RO will advise the Timer to lower the flag flying and go into sequence.

By having the AP flying for non scheduled starts it gives the competitors an additional 1 minute warning prior to the warning signal.