

Southern Yacht Club

APPENDIX P—PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

The purpose of the Pursuit Starting System is to apply a staggered starting time arrangement whereby yachts start in the inverse order of their predicted elapsed time on the course. Thus, the fleet should finish within a relatively narrow time span.

P1 PURSUIT STARTING SYSTEM

P1.1 When the Pursuit Starting System is specified by the NOR & SI, RRS 26 is deleted. RRS 62.1(a) and Race Signals Flags I & P are also altered herein.

P1.2 Each yacht has a prescribed Starting Time corresponding to her handicap rating and calculated for the course distance, as shown in the starting sequence distributed by the Race Committee. Starting Times may be altered by postponement.

P1.3 The WARNING SIGNAL will be displayed with one sound signal not less than five (5) minutes prior to the first start of the starting sequence or following a postponement. The signal will remain displayed throughout the starting sequence, as follows:

- **Flag I** – The starting sequence is active; each yacht shall start at her prescribed time.
- **Flags I over P** – The starting sequence is active following a postponement. The RC will hail instructions regarding changed Starting Times.

This changes Race Signals Flags I & P.

P1.4 Each yacht's STARTING SIGNAL will be her Starting Time and her PREPARATORY SIGNAL will be four (4) minutes prior to her Starting Time. No visual signals will be made.

P1.5 The RC will attempt to make a sound signal at the Starting Time of each yacht entered in the regatta. Failure to make an accurate sound signal is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P2 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

P2.1 The **I Flag Rule**, RRS 30.1 (around the ends), is in effect for all starts.

P2.2 The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS yachts. The order, timing and success of these hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

P3 POSTPONEMENT

Postponements only apply to yachts that have not yet started.

If a postponement is signaled, the RC will hail changes to the affected yachts and make respective adjustments to the order of finish.

P4 SCORING

P4.1 A yacht's elapsed time is the interval between her prescribed Starting Time and her recorded finish time.

P4.2 STANDARD PURSUIT SCORING

Unless prescribed otherwise, the staggered Starting Times will be the only handicap correction and yachts will be scored in their order of finish.

P4.3 HYBRID PURSUIT SCORING

If this option is specified, yachts will be scored using handicap corrected times, not the order of finish.

P5 MOTORING PRIOR TO STARTING

P5.1 Unless prescribed otherwise, yachts may use auxiliary propulsion without penalty as specified in this section. A yacht motoring shall keep clear of a yacht sailing.

P5.2 Prior to *starting* and not within two (2) boat lengths of the starting line, a yacht may continue to motor after her preparatory signal and Starting Time have passed.

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