





# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

## OODs guide to CLASS/HANDICAP RACING FINISHING

Reference should be made to other OOD guides with regard to classes of boat starting groups to receive start signal at 3 min intervals, course setting, flags, sailing instructions and example courses etc.

**Beware of finishing lapped boats prematurely. Each boat should do the same number of laps as the lead boat. Alternatively, the Fireball fleet may be allowed to complete one extra lap and this be noted with results.**

1. Finish the leader of the FIREBALL/GROUP 1 start, at **40/45** minutes from their start (though you can shorten if weather is too windy/too light)
2. Set finish line at end of course preferably at a windward mark. Don't set a 'hook' finish (where competitors have to round the mark to reach the start line). Raise the Orange (On Station) flag. 
3. When 1<sup>st</sup> boat from each GROUP rounds penultimate mark, raise shorten course **flag S** AND Group class flag & give **2 hoots**. If you set specified number of laps and have completed them you don't need to shorten the course. 

Fireball



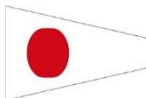
Laser



GP14



Solo



4. As each boat crosses the finish line (flag pole on boat to buoy), **1 hoot** and record boat number & time (**minutes & seconds**) in the relevant columns on the printed sheet. The deduction of the relevant number of minutes and compensated start times will be carried out by the Sailing Secretary but **variations from standard times must be clearly noted**.
5. It is best for one person to read the time as each boat finishes & another to write it down. If shorthanded and weather conditions suitable, consider assistance from safety boat crew.
6. If **any boat** has not finished within **20 minutes** of leader of **their CLASS/ GROUP** then, for the Handicap Race, **they are timed out** & you can approach them to finish their Fleet Position by effectively introducing a moving finish line.
7. Novice starters may always be finished by a moving finish line at the discretion of OOD.