

Chelmarsh Sailing Club

OODs guide to CLASS/HANDICAP RACING STARTING

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, and sailing instructions.

Set start line **AT LEAST** as long as the combined length of the number of boats starting.

2 min	Raise Aero/Handicap flag + 1 Hoot and start watch	
1 min	Raise Preparatory flag + 1 Hoot	
0 min	Lower Aero/H'cap flag and P flag + raise Laser flag + 1 Hoot (Aero start)	*
+3 min	Lower Laser flag + raise GP14 + 1 hoot (LASER start)	
+6 min	Lower GP14 + raise Solo Flag + 1 hoot (GP14 start)	
+9 min	Lower Solo + 1 hoot (SOLO Start)	

If there are no starters for one start, bring subsequent starts forward by 3 minutes. Competitors must be told of the change before going on the water.

If any part of a boat is on the course side of the line at the start: 1 hoot and raise code **flag X** (individual recall on separate hand held pole) and notify the boat if possible (not compulsory)



Record all boats positions at each lap to act as a failsafe backup. It keeps you aware of the boats which may have capsized or been lapped.

See Finishing Document for Finishing the Class/Handicap

Beware of finishing lapped boats prematurely. Each boat should do the same number of laps as the lead boat.

Finish the leader of the AERO/Start 1 start at **40/45** minutes from their start (though you can shorten if weather is too windy/too light).