

Email to members:

Sj: Changes to Club Sailing Instruction 9.2 – General Recall

Please be advised that club Sailing Instruction 9.2 has been changed. The change will come into effect on the 1st October 2019.

The Sailing Instruction 9.2 has been changed to:

9.2 A **general recall** will be signalled by the displaying of the First Substitute flag (two sound signals) as soon as possible after the class start. The First Substitute flag will be removed (one sound signal) one minute after the class start. The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed. Subsequent classes will still start at their scheduled time. This changes *RRS* 29.2. An explanatory document with diagrams is available [HERE](#).

Why has this changed? The previous instruction was not clear, and did not work with our current system. For that reason OODs were very reluctant to signal a general recall when it was justified. This is unfair to the competitors.

What does the OOD have to do?

- A general recall should be called when, at the starting signal, the OOD is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the starting procedure. A boat is “on the course side” if any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on or over the starting line at her starting signal.
- The general recall must be made as soon as possible after the start and certainly within 20 seconds.
- This means that the general recall flag (First Substitute) must be ready to be hoisted and should be on one of the flag pole halyards for every start. The recommended order on the halyards is Fast Handicap, Slow Handicap, Solo, Club flag, Preparatory, General Recall (First Substitute), and Shorten Course.



First Substitute

- After the starting signal for a class to be recalled, the First Substitute should be displayed with two sounds, and then removed at 1 minute after the recalled class's start with one sound. Then there is a clear minute before we go into the normal starting procedure. The class flag is displayed again with the sound from the automatic signalling system, followed by the Preparatory flag two minutes later, and both removed for the restart.
- Therefore there are 6 minutes between the recalled start and its restart.
- Diagrams showing this process will be available in the Race Office. Make sure you familiarise yourself with these instructions and the diagrams.

For the Competitors:

- If the OOD calls a General Recall on your start, shortly after the start you'll hear two sound signals and the First Substitute will be displayed. It will be removed 1 minute after your start.
- You should return to the starting area. If you don't return for the restart you will be classified as OCS (on course side).
- 1 minute after the First Substitute is removed, your warning signal (class flag) will be displayed and you will be into your normal starting sequence with the Preparatory displayed 2 minutes later, and both removed 2 minutes after that to signal your restart.
- Your restart will be 6 minutes after your original recalled start.

This change is to make it possible to do a General Recall; it is not intended to encourage General Recalls unless actually warranted.