

APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.

US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.

S1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.

S2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

S3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time before start</u>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0

S4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

S5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

S6 Individual recalls shall be signalled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.

S7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.