

## HSC Race Starting – Committee Boat

1. Items needed:
  - Flags C, P and 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute (for postponement)
  - Race Instructions
  - Hand-held radio (channel M2, “Hardway Race Control”)
  - 5 min Countdown Timer
  - Hooter
2. Get to start line **early**, to allow time to anchor etc...!
3. Decide on course 1 or 2. (See Race Instructions).
4. Announce course number.
5. Get flags ready.
6. Record the name of boats as they radio in their intention to race.
7. Ideally one person does the flags, while the other calls out a countdown to each signal, while holding the radio mike open. Either can do the hooter..
8. Start sequence:
  - 5 min raise flag C – 1 hoot
  - 4 min raise flag P – 1 hoot
  - 1 min lower flag P – 1 LONG hoot
  - 0 min lower flag C – 1 hoot
  - Announce “All clear” or “Individual / General recall” as appropriate.
9. Stay on station until all boats have correctly started, up to a maximum of 15mins, then join race if desired. (Note time of your start and deduct from elapsed time).