

Vakaros Starting Procedure

1. THE START

- 1.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 1.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, orange starting line flag marking the line will be displayed with from the RC signal vessel for a minimum of 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 1.3 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee, and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- 1.4 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with the electronic identification by the Vakaros RaceSense system. This changes RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4.
- 1.5 A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6 [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense.
- 1.7 [NP] Any kind of failure of an Atlas 2, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat, Race Committee and Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), RRS 60.1(b), RRS 60.2(b), 60.3(b), 62.1(a), and 63.1.
- 1.8 Boats breaking RRS 30.3 (*U Flag Rule*) or RRS 30.4 (*Black Flag Rule*) may be broadcast on the VHF Channel using bow numbers as a courtesy.
- 1.9 In the event of a General Recall or abandonment after the start during a RRS 30.4 (*Black Flag Rule*) start, the RC shall broadcast on the VHF Channel and display the bow number of any boat violating RRS 30.4 before the next warning signal. This changes RRS 30.4
- 1.10 The RC will attempt to make the broadcasts described in SI 11.8 and 11.9. However, the timing of such a broadcast, the sequence of the broadcasts or the failure to make or hear the broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)