

# Channel Sailing Club

## 2013 Gate Start Instructions

### Aim

To enable the Committee Boat to participate in the organised race without time adjustments.

### Principle

The Committee Boat sets the race course and positions itself close to the start buoy. The race preparation and start signals are given (5 minute, 4 minute, 1 minute, start sound signals). At the 1 minute start signal, the Committee Boat starts a broad reach from the Starting Buoy to lay the Starting Line from the Starting Buoy to the stern of the Committee Boat (see diagram attached). Only when the start sound signal is given can the competing boats cross this Starting Line. At this point the Committee Boat can alter course to join the race.

### Instructions

- No starting flags will be flown. However, the large CSC burgee will be flown from the Committee Boat backstay in addition to the racing pennant for clear identification.
- The Committee Boat shall have right of way over all competitors from the 5 minute signal until the start, regardless of whichever tack it may be on.
- It is the responsibility of all competing skippers and crew to identify the Committee Boat.
- 5 minute Warning audible signal given,
- 4 minute Preparatory audible signal given.
- 1 Minute audible signal given with the Committee Boat at the Starting Buoy.
- The Committee Boat will then sail from the Starting Buoy at approximately 90 degrees to the race course (broad reach) for 1 minute to lay the Starting Line.
- Starting audible signal given. The Committee Boat will turn onto its racing course and sound the starting signal at the same time.
- All competitors must, up to the start signal, be behind the line defined by the Committee Boat and the Starting Buoy and after the start signal pass between the Committee Boat and the Starting Buoy.
- Any competitor passing in front of the Committee Boat as it laying the starting line must turn away from the starting fleet and complete a 360 degree penalty turn before restarting within 50 metres of the Starting Buoy.
- Late starters must pass within 50 metres of the Starting Buoy leaving the buoy to the required side and inform the Committee Boat by VHF that they have started.
- The Committee Boat may use its engine up to the start without penalty to ensure a reasonable length start line is laid within the 1 minute period.
- All competitors must finish according to the Race and Sailing Instructions and record their finish time to the Committee Boat at the end of the race.

All other instructions are detailed in the CSC 2013 Sailing Instructions.

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