

CHECKLIST FOR JUDGES

Before the Races

1. **Be at the dock 1 hour before race time.** Meet with Race Committee representative and discuss the day's race courses.
2. **Discuss weather conditions with Race Committee representative.**
 - a. **Maximum winds:** If winds are above 25 m.p.h. (22 knots), the race will be postponed, and, if it continues, abandoned.
 - b. **Minimum winds:** Unless the lake shows wind-induced wave action over at least 50% of its surface, the start may be postponed and, if it continues, abandoned.
3. **Set up the Committee Boat**
 - a. Check for enough fuel
 - b. Check timer or stopwatch and PA operation
 - c. Install fire extinguisher on drive pedestal
 - d. Inflate orange marker buoys (used as Upwind and Downwind marks)
 - e. Assemble buoys, lines, weights, and anchor
 - f. Post racing courses for the day (metal course markers on Starboard display board)
 - g. Post race starting sequence for the day (white board on starboard side).
4. **Life Jacket Flag needed?** Discuss wind/water temperature conditions with the Race Committee person. Fly lifejacket flag if needed.
5. **Set up the Race Course.** Based on discussion with the Race Committee representative, set up the racing course and return to the starting line.

The Start

1. **Anchor the Committee Boat** on the starboard end of the starting line.
2. **Attach flags**
 - a. Starting Sequence flags are now "pull-down"
 - b. LMSC burgee on center halyard
 - c. Lifejacket flag (if needed) from one of the remaining halyards.
3. **Check off boats racing on scoring sheet**
4. If life jacket flag is flying, remind any crews that are not wearing them.
5. **At Starting Time:** Sound the siren (this is the "attention" signal) approximately one minute prior to the "warning" signal and flag. Check time on a watch or use a stopwatch to count down one minute to beginning the start sequence timer.
6. **Record the 1st wind reading on the score sheet**
7. **Begin start sequence** (one minute after "attention" signal)
 - a. Push "Start" button on stopwatch or other timer.
 - b. **Raise the yellow flag**
 - c. **Sound the horn**
8. **Proceed with the starting sequence until all fleets have started**
9. **Watch for "Over Early" boats as each fleet starts.** Hail any over-early boats with the PA system. Say "(boat number)" and "over early". **Observe** that the "over early" boat returns to the starting line after rounding either end of the starting line.
10. **Announce "All Clear" on the PA** if all boats start properly.
11. **Watch for life jackets** if the life jacket flag is flying. Note on score sheet any boat not complying.
12. **Stow all starting flags in pipe (raise)** after last fleet has started.

