

## RACE BOX: RACE OFFICER AND ASSISTANT RACE OFFICER



1. **GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME.** IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TURN UP **90 MINUTES** (AND NO LATER THAN 60 MINUTES) BEFORE THE PUBLISHED START TIME.
2. FIND A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO GET KEYS TO THE RACE BOX. THE RACE BOX IS **ALARMED** SO ENSURE THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE IS OPEN BEFORE YOU OPEN THE RACEBOX.
3. TURN ELECTRIC ON TO THE RACE BOX (2 SWITCHES BY THE RACE BOX DOOR) AND WASH DOWN WATER (SWITCH ABOVE THE RACEBOX DOOR).
4. HOIST THE FLAGS. THE CLUB FLAG IS HOISTED AT THE TOP OF THE MAIN MAST AND THE RED ENSIGN HOISTED ON THE GAFF MAST AT THE FRONT OF THE CLUB.
5. TAKE NOTE OF THE WIND STRENGTH, DIRECTION AND THE STATE OF THE TIDE.
6. PUT THE TRANSIT TRIANGLE UP ON THE SEA-WALL (TRANSIT IS STORED UNDER THE VERANDA).
7. ENSURE YOUR SAFETY BOAT CREWS ARE PREPARING THE BOATS FOR LAUNCHING.
8. BEFORE SETTING A COURSE TAKE NOTE OF THE BOATS YOU HAVE SAILING I.E THE FASTEST AND THE SLOWEST, THE WIND STRENGTH AND DIRECTION IN ORDER TO GAUGE THE LENGTH OF COURSE.
9. IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT SETTING THE COURSE THEN DISCUSS WITH AN EXPERIENCED DINGHY RACER, PREFERABLY A COMMITTEE MEMBER.
10. POST THE COURSE AND START TIME ON JOINT RACING WHATSAPP GROUP '**Mbsc Hbsc Dinghy Racing**' AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THEN INFORM MAYLANDSEA BAY (**01621 740470**) OF THE COURSE AND START TIME.
11. WRITE THE COURSE AND START TIME ON THE WHITEBOARD IN THE LOBBY. SAILORS SHOULD SIGN ON USING THE JOINT RACING WHATSAPP GROUP.
12. ENSURE SAFETY BOATS HAVE BEEN/ARE BEING LAUNCHED AND DO A RADIO CHECK.
13. START THE RACE SEQUENCE AS SOON AS THERE IS ENOUGH WATER. THE FLAT PART OF THE DOG LEG IS A GOOD GAUGE OF THE DEPTH REQUIRED TO GET AROUND THE RACING BUOYS IN THE RIVER.
14. WHEN COMPLETING THE RACE TIME SHEETS ALWAYS TAKE NOTE OF THE START TIME AND THE FINISH TIMES OF EACH BOAT. PLEASE INCLUDE THIER SAIL NUMBER FOR IDENTIFCATION AND LEAVE THE TIME SHEETS IN THE RACEBOX.
15. ONCE THE RACING HAS FINISHED, RADIO SAFETY BOATS TO COME ASHORE. IF WATER IS LOW AND THE RACING FLEET IS IN THE CREEK AND WITHIN SITE OF THE RACE BOX THEN IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO BRING THE LARGER GREY RIB ASHORE BEFORE ALL BOATS HAVE FINISHED (IN THIS CASE THE RED RIB MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SAFETY COVER).
16. PUT THE STARTING TRANSIT AWAY AND RECOVER THE FLAGS AND STORE IN THE RACEBOX.
17. ASK THE SAFETY BOAT CREW IF ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE BOATS. IF SO PLEASE REPORT PROBLEMS TO THE BOSUN OR SAILING SECRETARY
18. ENSURE ALL KEYS AND RADIOS FOR THE SAFETY BOATS HAVE BEEN RETURNED.
19. ENSURE THE BARRIER IS DOWN AND LOCKED.
20. FINALLY, PLEASE SHUT THE RACEBOX DOOR, SWITCH OFF RACE BOX ELECTRICITY AND WASH DOWN, **TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RELAX!**

# H(B)SC Automated Start System Instructions



## STARTING A RACE

### **RACE POSTPONEMENT – Press Red Postponement button once**

When ready to start race press red postponement button again 6 minutes before your preferred start time. The 5 minute start sequence will automatically start after 1 minute.\*

or

### **NORMAL START – Press Green Start button once**

The 5 minute start sequence is automatic (no other buttons need to be pressed). \*A buzzer will sound at 20 and 10 seconds before start to alert you to watch for boats over the line.

## **RECALLS – you have 15 seconds after the start to decide if a recall is required**

### **INDIVIDUAL RECALL – Press Yellow Individual Recall button once**

Press yellow individual recall button again ONLY once all boats over the line at the start have returned to correct side of the line. Do NOT press the button if all boats do not return.

or

### **GENERAL RECALL – Press Blue General Recall button once**

Press blue general recall button again once all boats have returned to correct side of the start line. The 5 minute start sequence will automatically start after 1 minute.

## **DURING RACE, IF REQUIRED**

### **SHORTENED COURSE – Press Red Shorten Course button once**

Finish boats as normal

or

**ABANDONED RACE – Manually sound horn twice and then press and hold Green Start button for 5 seconds to reset system.**

## **FINISHING A RACE**

### **FINISHING BOATS– Press White Finish button as each boat crosses the finish line.**

Record boat sail numbers in the order they finish so that they can be assigned to the printed finish time (or manually record both sail number and finish time).

## **STARTING NEXT RACE (SYSTEM RESET)**

### **Reset System For Next Race – Press and hold Green Start button for 5 seconds.**

The system will reset and be ready for starting the next race.