

**Notes**

1. **Flags are the Authority** - hooter is only used to draw attention to the flags
2. **Adjusted time** = (elapsed time x 1000) / handicap
3. Adjustment may need to be made to finish times of Cruisers if they had a split start and started 180secs behind the handicap fleet.

**Some LESC members common Handicaps:**

Europe					
Laser					

**Suggested Courses when following wind direction is prevailing**

*Action : Captains to suggest courses that can be listed here for use by members on Race Duty*

Northerly -

Westerly -

Southerly -

Easterly -

**Setting up the Course Board**

**(row 1)** Class and Number of circuits to be completed

**(row 2)** Each Markers(buoy) reference cards are coloured either

**green - starboard - right – clockwise** round buoy or **red - port - left – anti clockwise** round buoy








Where each Class sails a different route – display the 2 rows of information for each class.  
eg 4 rows of information











Where all Classes sailing the same route – display only the 2 rows of information.

This also applies for Cup races where everyone (handicap and cruiser) sails in one class (display only the Handicap (H) flag and not the Cruiser (C) flag).




**Split start for Cruisers and Handicaps** – order of events:

Suggested position on flag halyards – place each flag type on individual halyards

	 S	 X	LESC flag	 C	 P	 H
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#	when	Flag UP	Flag DOWN	Horn(s)	Meaning
1	6 mins before start	 H up			6 minute warning to race start for Handicaps
2	3 mins before start	 P up   C up			3 minute warning to race start for Handicaps  6 minute warning to race start for Cruisers
3	0 mins		 H down		Race start for Handicaps  (Prep flag remains as warning of 3min to race start for Cruisers)
4	+180 secs into Handicap race start		 P down   C down		Race start for Cruisers










**False start - Potential here for a false start to occur** – order of events:

#	when	Flag UP	Flag DOWN	Horn(s)	Meaning
1	Immediately after race start horn	 X up			One or more boats have crossed the start line early. This second horn is sounded after the start horn as an indicator to the boat(s) at fault
2	Once offender(s) have returned and re-crossed start		 X down		Note : may not be dropped at if all offenders do not re-cross start




**Joint start for Cruisers and Handicaps** – order of events:

Suggested position on flag halyards – place Handicap and Cruiser flags on **same** halyards

	 S	 X	LESC flag		 P	 H
						 C


#	when	Flag UP	Flag DOWN	Horn(s)	Meaning
1	6 mins before start	 H up   C up			6 minute warning to race start for Handicaps & Cruisers
2	3 mins before start	 P up			3 minute warning to race start for Handicaps & Cruisers
3	0 mins		 H down   C down   P down		Race start for Handicaps & Cruisers



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1	Immediately after race start horn	 X up			One or more boats have crossed the start line early. This second horn is sounded after the start horn as an indicator to the boat(s) at fault
2	Once offender(s) have returned and re-crossed start		 X down		Note : may not be dropped at if all offenders do not re-cross start

**Shorten course for everyone in race** – order of events:

Suggested position on flag halyards – place Shortened flag on a halyard

	 S		LESC flag			
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#	when	Flag UP	Flag DOWN	Horn(s)	Meaning
1	Sound 2 horns when the leader rounds the marker BEFORE the finish line	 S			To indicate to all - that the race will be shortened to finish when they next cross the finish.

**OR**


**Shorten course for ONE class in a race** – order of events:



Suggested position on flag halyards – placing Handicap or Cruiser flags on **same** halyard as the Shortened flag

For example:







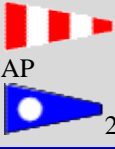


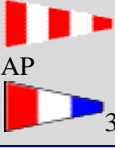





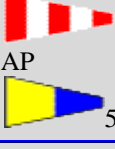


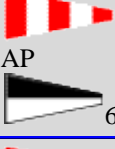




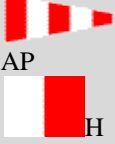

	 S		LESC flag			
	 H					

**or**

	 S		LESC flag			
	 C					

#	when	Flag UP	Flag DOWN	Horn(s)	Meaning
1	Sound 2 horns when the leader rounds the marker BEFORE the finish line	 S			To indicate to class flag displayed - that the race will be shortened to finish when they next cross the finish.

## Postponement Flag Signals :

POSTPONEMENT SIGNALS			
Flag signal	Sound signal when displayed	Sound signal when removed	Meaning
 AP			Races not started are postponed.
 AP 1			Races not started are postponed one hour
 AP 2			Races not started are postponed two hours
 AP 3			Races not started are postponed three hours
 AP 4			Races not started are postponed four hours
 AP 5			Races not started are postponed five hours
 AP 6			Races not started are postponed six hours
 AP A			Races not started are postponed. No more racing today.
 AP H			Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore.