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The following is added to SI 12 The Start:

## 12.4 Handicap Start

12.4.1 Races will be started using the following procedure: Alters RRS 26.

Time	Code Flag	Signal
Five (5) minutes before the start	Warning	Class Flag displayed - 1 sound
One (1) minute before the start	1 Minute	Class Flag removed - Handicap Board (30) displayed
Start	Start	Handicap Board (30) removed Handicap Board (29) displayed

12.4.2 A numeral placard will be displayed corresponding to the maximum handicap for the race. This placard will be removed after one (1) minute intervals and successive numeral placards will be displayed at further one (1) minute intervals. The lowering of the placard corresponding to the boat's handicap will be its start signal.

## 12.5 Individual Recalls for Handicap Starts

12.5.1 Handicap Starts – If in the opinion of the Race Officer a boat is attempting to start at her correct start signal and is on the course side before her handicap board is lowered, flag X will be displayed with one sound signal. The flag shall be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions or 30 seconds whichever occurs first. A boat will have 4 minutes after the raising of flag X to comply with this rule. It is the responsibility of each boat to ensure they have started correctly. Alters RRS Rule 29.1