

Problem Procedure

No wind

Postpone and wait for wind to fill in. If the wind doesn't fill in within a reasonable time, abandon racing by flying flag N over flag A, accompanied by three sound signals.



Too much wind

Refer to safety policy in **section 8**. Postpone to see if weather will improve. Prevent dinghies/cats from launching. Transmit general message to yachts not to leave berths using VHF. If necessary, then abandon racing (see above).

Squalls at start

Postpone and wait for squall to pass.

Wind failing

Shorten course and refer to **SI 2.5** –

Shorten Course: The normal shorten course provision in **RRS32** may be applied at the end of any round of a multiround course.

2.5(b): Shorten Course S with IC flag W above a group of class flags, accompanied by four sound signals, will indicate that the course has been shortened for these classes and times recorded for the previous lap completed by each boat on average lap races, or previous round completed by all boats on point to point races, shall apply. Boats that have completed at least one lap or round shall stop racing, while those still on their first lap or round may continue to complete it until the race time limit plus extension. The Race Officer will normally broadcast the instruction on channel 37 or use the Safety Boats to inform competitors. Failure to do so will not be regarded as grounds for redress. If there are no class flags under W, the shorten course & windback applies to all classes.

Rescue boat failure

If the race has not started, postpone to see if rescue cover can be provided. Abandon race for dinghies/cats if it cannot. If race has started, finish race at the end of current lap.

Mistake in start procedure

Postpone using flag AP – **section 17** - and two sound signals if race has not started. If race has started, use flag 1st substitute with two sound signals to announce a General Recall.

Begin the Start sequence again.

Failing visibility

If visibility is dangerously bad, abandon racing and use rescue boats to shepherd boats back to Marina. Note danger of boats in the shipping channel. If it appears that visibility may fail, do not send dinghies/cats across river.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Contacts

See inside of front cover.

Capsize in shipping lane – ship coming

If necessary get rescue boat or nearest yacht (if safe to do so) to remove crew and abandon boat.

Squall

Pass warning of approaching squall on VHF. Advise rescue boats to ensure dinghy/cat crews are safe. It may be advisable for dinghies/cats to remain capsized or inverted until squall has passed.

Serious injury/fatality

Notify Coastguard, either by VHF or phone.

VHF radio procedure

See **section 10**