

Rule 32 – Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

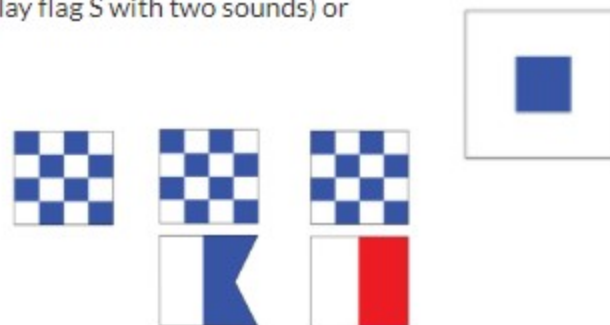
32.1 “After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds),

(a) because of foul weather,

(b) because of insufficient wind making it unlikely that any boat will *finish* within the race time limit,

(c) because a *mark* is missing or out of position, or

(d) for any other reason directly affecting the safety or fairness of the competition.



In addition, the race committee may shorten the course so that other scheduled races can be sailed, or *abandon* the race because of an error in the starting procedure. However, after one boat has *started*, *sailed the course* and *finished* within the time limit, if any, the race committee shall not *abandon* the race without considering the consequences for all boats in the race or series.

32.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

(a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying flag S;

(b) a line the course requires boats to cross; or

(c) at a gate, between the gate *marks*.

The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.”