

## APPENDIX S – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

***This appendix is a US SAILING prescription.***

*US SAILING prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.*

**S1** Course and postponement signals may be made orally.

**S2** Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

**S3** The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Time before start</u>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0

**S4** Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

**S5** A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

**S6** Individual recalls shall be signalled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.

**S7** Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.