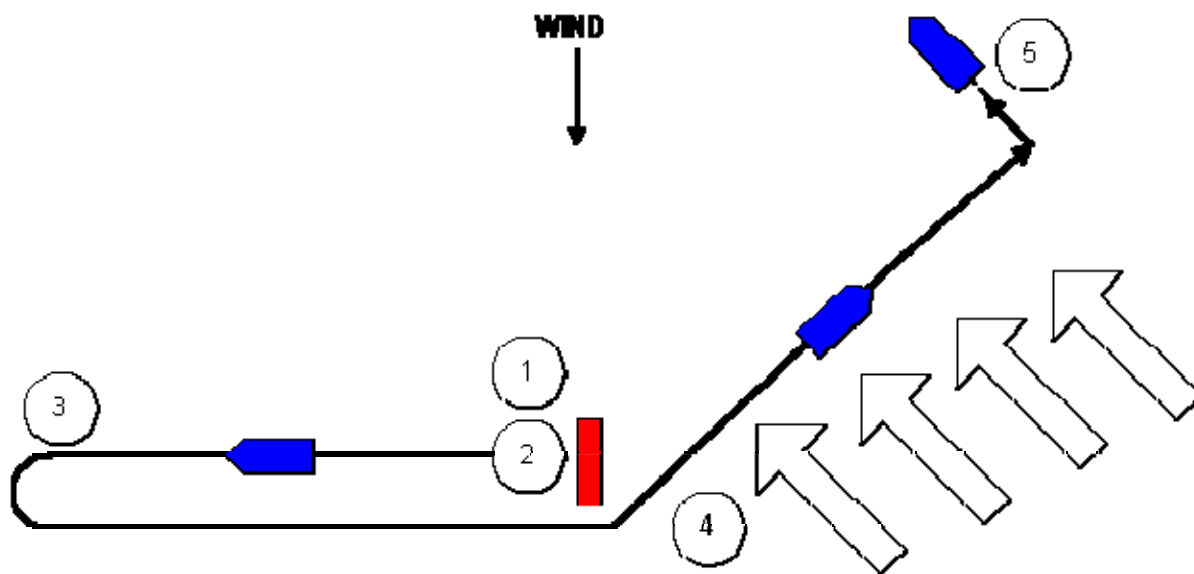


# THE RABBIT START

Position	Signal	Minutes before starting signal	Sound	Rabbit's Actions
1	Warning	5	1 long sound (preceded by several short)	In the immediate vicinity and to windward of the starting mark for 1 minute.
2	Preparatory	4	1 long sound	From the starting mark, beam reach on starboard tack for 2 minutes.
3		2	1 long sound	Tack or jibe; beam reach on port tack back to the starting mark.
4	Starting	0	1 long sound	Pass close abeam leaving the starting mark to port, sail close hauled.
5	End of starting sequence		1 long sound	At the end of the Starting Time Period, tack to starboard (see note).

**ALL RULES THAT APPLY TO A COMMITTEE BOAT SHALL BE AFFORDED THE RABBIT BOAT UNTIL IT HAS COMPLETED ITS TACK TO STARBOARD**



The starting line is the line between the port-end starting mark and the rabbit. A boat starts when it crosses the starting line after the five minute sequence and between the starting mark and the rabbit boat(committee boat). After starting, all boats shall remain on starboard tack until the rabbit has tacked to starboard.

The absence of sound signals shall be disregarded.

**A boat making contact or interfering with the rabbit is disqualified and shall retire.**