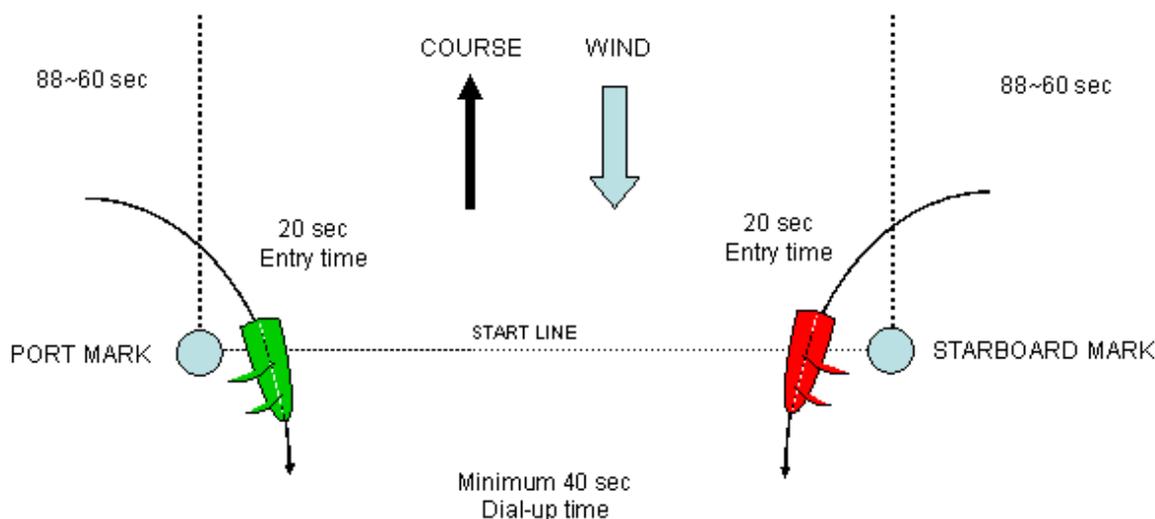


Match Racing Start for Aggregate Series

The two boats for a match race are initially to be outside the starting box and must keep outside the start marks and the 'tram lines' that extend from those marks at right angles to the start line. The boats must also keep 'forward' of the start line, that is in the quadrants (marked 88-60) on the course side of the line extended beyond the marks.



One boat will be designated to start from the Starboard side (indicated as red here) and the other as Port. The Starboard boat will have right of way when entering the start area and the Port boat must keep clear. Note that this diagram indicates an upwind start. If the start is to be downwind the boats will still enter from the course side but the boats will be the other way around from that shown.

The start timer will count down from 90 (88) seconds. The boats must remain outside the 'tram lines' (as above) until the count of 60 at which point they must proceed to be behind the line. They must cross the start line with their bow (or any part) before the count of 40.

Crossing the 'tram lines' before 60 or failing to cross the start line by 40 will

result in a starting penalty. Any other penalty before the start signal (zero count) is also a starting penalty.

NOTE: The boat on Starboard is allowed to sail to try to prevent the Port boat from entering, for example by dipping behind the start line and then sailing (still on starboard) so that the Port tack boat must keep clear and fails to cross the line.

The two boats will then manoeuvre as required. Usually each boat will attempt to claim penalties on the other.

NOTE: It is not necessary to start at the start signal, it is only necessary to start before the opponent does. It is quite common for one to try to control the other and drive them away from the start and then turn and lead back to the start.

If both boats have equal start penalties then they will be wiped. Start penalties must be done as soon as practical after starting, which is usually immediately after crossing the start line following the start signal.

Sailing penalties, incurred after starting, must be done before finishing the race. If both boats have equal sailing penalties then they will be wiped.