

# T O: Race Committee

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**Re:** Recording Requirement For Computer System

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A thoughtful computer scoring system requires that the following data be recorded by the race committee for transmittal to the scoring system.

**1. Race Information for each individual start.**

- Race number
- Division name
- Starting time
- Course length

**2. Starting and Finishing information for each boat in each race.**

- Boats *ranking as starter* - sail numbers in arbitrary order
- Boats *actually starting* - sail numbers in arbitrary order
- *Finishing time of any boat which finishes* - in order of finish
- *Finishing status of boats*

It is important that *starting time* and *course length* are entered for each race and division. Even in the case of one design classes where scoring is done by place and not by time, and this information is not technically required, it is easier for the computer to digest race information if these items are entered.

A boat not *ranking as starter* is scored *DNC -- Did Not Compete*. This is a boat which never makes it to the starting area. This boat never played the game.

A boat *ranking as starter* is scored *DNS -- Did Not Start*. This is a boat which sailed about in the vicinity of the starting line after the preparatory (5-minute) signal, but did not actually cross the starting line after the starting signal. This boat did play the game.

A boat *actually starting* is scored *DNF -- Did Not Finish*. This is a boat which crossed the starting line after the starting signal. Until she finished she remains a *DNF*.

A boat crossing the finishing line is scored *FIN -- Finished*. This is a boat which has first become a *DNF*.

A *DNS* which crosses the finishing line without first becoming a *DNF* remains a *DNS*.

A *DNC* which crosses the finishing line remains a *DNC*. (And probably should become a *DSQ -- Disqualified* or have her entry rescinded.)

**Any boat which crosses the finishing line should have her time recorded,** Regardless of her finishing status. The computer uses *finishing status* to rank her. Time on Time and ORCA strictly speaking do not require course length recorded, but again, it is easier for the computer to digest the information if it is present.

The computer takes finishing times and starting times, and calculates elapsed times, from these. ***The computer cannot deal with elapsed times.***

Call results in on the cell phone as soon as possible. Hand copies of the actual recording sheets to the scoring support people after the race. Verify that the transcription of results is accurate, and that the results are correct.