



Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez 2025

Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

Question:

Questions from SPARTAN

- 1) SI 6.2.2 There is no definition of the "line defined in Appendix 1" - just a blue coloured edge of a box on a diagram that is not a nautical chart and has no latitude and longitude information. Would it be possible for the event to better define this "line defined in Appendix 1" to avoid any possible confusion or unintended crossing of this vague line by a competitor?
- 2) Will SI 6.3 apply for every start of every class group to start, or only for the first group/class to start on the day?
- 3) Compliance of SI 12.8 will be difficult to impossible for a competitor to assess... as it would require knowing and identifying all boats in the previous class.... Some of whom may be quite late (e.g. one minute or more) to "start" or even still at the dock. To avoid competitors breaching this rule unintentionally.. it would be very helpful to better define the moment a competitor may enter the start box, either by a courtesy race committee VHF transmission that all boats in the previous class have started, or by a fixed time, such as the start signal of the previous class.
- 4) SI 12.5 In some years the event has more clearly defined this rule in answers to competitor questions – but the answers have varied from year to year..
 - a. It's clear the intent that the Rule is intended for competitors not to set their spinnakers and fill them with wind so they are flying before they completely cross the line. But, does a competitor breach this rule by having their spinnaker/gennaker hoisted, but contained in a sock or other means so that it is not unfurled, full of wind before they completely cross the start line? Is the intent to keep the boats being powered by the spinnaker at all – or is the intent that the spinnaker/gennaker should remain completely on board the yacht, with no part of the sail hoisted aloft even by a meter?
- 5) Si 12.9 Complying with SI 12.8 has created a very crazy and sometimes dangerous situation in years past where boats have to motor at full speed just to get into position to

start and frequently classic boats with their more cumbersome sail hoisting and management systems are not prepared to race in the time provided. It would be helpful to know if the RC intends to "roll" the starts or if there will be a gap of time between starts. Ideally classic boats starting after the first group to start would be provided at least 10 minutes from the moment they may enter the start box before their actual start.

Thank you for your consideration.

6) SI 10.1 How will the Course be signalled? On the Committee Boat?

a. Is it possible that the Race Committee could signal a different Course for different Groups/classes of starts in the classics division – or will the same course apply to all classes?

7) SI 14: Shouldn't the Cardinal Mark SH be included in the list of marks to be rounded/passed on the way to the finish line? Or does SH not have a required side in a Charlie flag situation?

Answer:

Question 1: Answer NO

Question 2; Answer NO

Question 3: Listen to Race Committee instructions

Question 4: Sentence 1 Answer YES; Sentence 2: answer NO; Sentence 3: answer for both questions answer YES

Question 5: Answer rolling start

Question 6: Answer on the RC boat and by VHF

Question 6 A: Answer YES

Question 7: Answer See SI appendix 4

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