

BBSC HANDBOOK SECTION 1, PART 5: GATE STARTS

Bay Cup gate start courses

A Bay Cup gate start course may be announced at the pre-race meeting along with a course selected from:

- Division 1: **A, B, F, K** or **L**; or
- Division 2: **A, B, G, K** or **L**,

read by substituting the words: “Finish: Between No 6 Caseys Beach mark and the Caseys Beach cardinal mark” for the words:

No 6. Caseys Beach.

Finish: In the vicinity of Snapper Island.

Gate start boat

The name of the Gate Boat will be announced at the pre-race meeting

Gate start marks

Flag **O** positioned by the Gate Boat to provide a clear upwind start to the first mark in the course announced at the pre-race meeting **and** the stern of the Gate Boat.



Gate start sequence sound signals only

The Gate Boat will make the following sound signals:

<i>Minutes</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5 before.	■ —▶	Warning signal
4 before.	■ —▶	Preparatory signal
1 before.	■ —▶ long	One minute
0	■ —▶	Starting signal
5 (or other announced period) after start	■ —▶ long	Gate closed

See over for an outline of the four phase gate start procedure.

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Immediately prior to the starting signal (not less than 10 seconds), the Gate Boat will sail hard on the wind on Port tack from the Gate Mark to establish a starting line being a line from the Gate Mark to the stern of the Gate Boat sailing close hauled on Port tack.

Phase 2.

Gate Boat sounds starting signal.

Phase 3.

Boats start on starboard tack across a line between the Gate Mark and the stern of the Gate Boat which will remain on a Port tack for 5 minutes (or another period announced at the pre-race meeting).

In the 5 minute (or another announced period) a boat must avoid fouling or otherwise interfering with the Gate Boat.

Phase 4.

At the end of the 5-minute (or other announced) period, the Gate Boat sounds one long signal closing the gate.

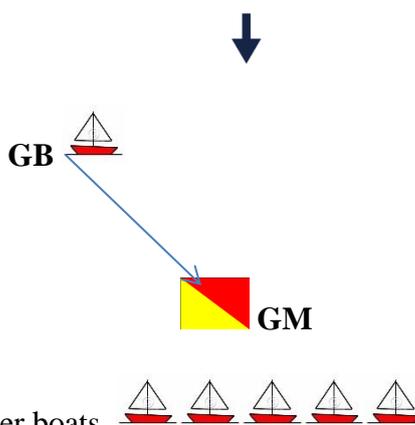
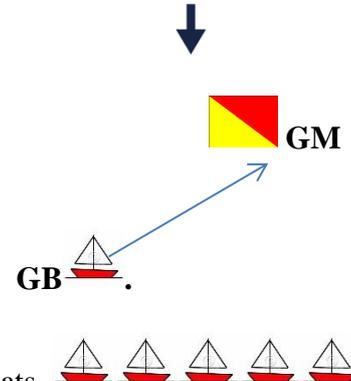
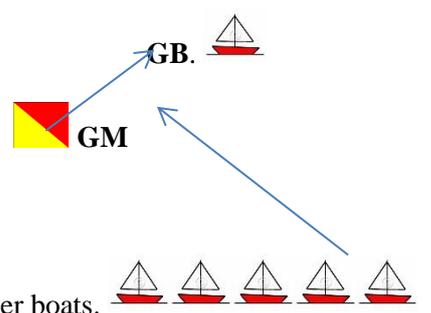
A boat must cross the starting line within the 5-minute (or other announced) period or be scored DNS

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Illustration of recommended Gate Start procedure.

<p>Gate Boat (GB) positions the Gate Mark (GM) directly down-wind from the first mark.</p> <p>Five minutes prior to the start, the GB positions herself to leeward of the GM and sounds the warning signal.</p> <p>Four minutes prior to the start, the GB sounds the warning signal.</p> <p>At, say, 2 minutes the GB commences an off-the-wind port tack approach to the GM.</p> <p>Other boats stay down wind of the GM and clear of the GB.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wind direction ↓</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Other boats.</p>
<p>One minutes prior to the start, the GB sounds the one-minute signal.</p> <p>Immediately prior to the starting signal, the GB sails hard-on-the wind on Port tack to the GM and sounds the starting signal.</p> <p>Other boats stay down wind of the GM and clear of the GB.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wind direction ↓</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Other boats.</p>
<p>The GB continues hard-on-the-wind on Port tack past the GM to establish the starting line.</p> <p>The GB shall maintain Port Tack for 5 minutes (or another period announced by the Race Officer at the pre-race briefing).</p> <p>Other boats start on starboard tack and must avoid fouling or interfering with the GB.</p> <p>Each other boat must cross the starting line within five minutes (or another announced period).</p> <p>Five minutes (or other announced period) after the starting signal, the GB shall sound one long signal and the gate shall be deemed closed and the GB may change tack.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wind direction ↓</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Other boats.</p>