



STARTING PROCEDURE



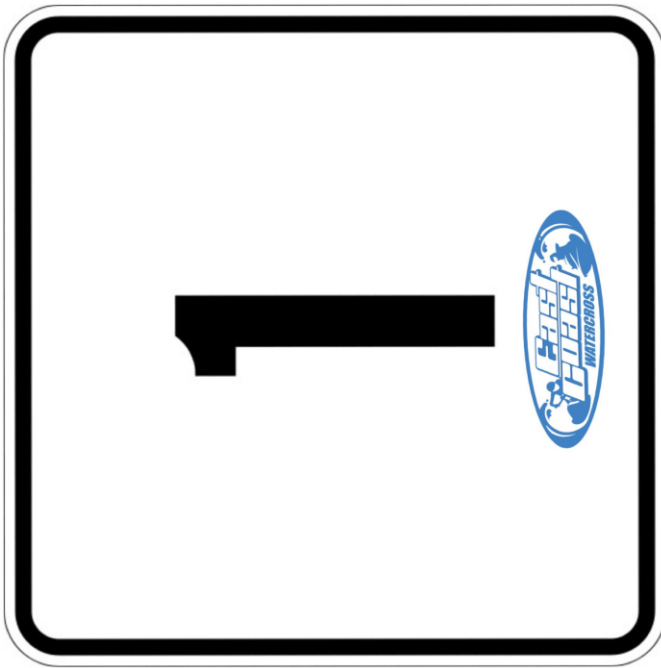
2 card is held up at tower :

- Holders raise your racer, racers start your engines!
- Tower will go down the line individually to each racer. Racer must nod, acknowledging they are ready. Tower will not proceed until racer has acknowledged.
- Now is the time to call a 2-minute hold if you need it. Once the card goes to 1, the starting procedure will not be stopped. No exceptions.



1 card in vertical position :

- All racers have acknowledged the tower, card changes from 2 to 1.
- Holders should be lowering racers into water, racers should be watching tower card and throttling up.



1 card in horizontal position :

- Card will go from vertical, to horizontal within 5 seconds.
 - Racers WATCH THE BAND!!!
 - Starter at gate will trip the band 3-7 seconds, after the 1 card is horizontal.
- *note - band will NEVER be tripped as soon as the card goes horizontal! You go ON THE BAND, not the card.*