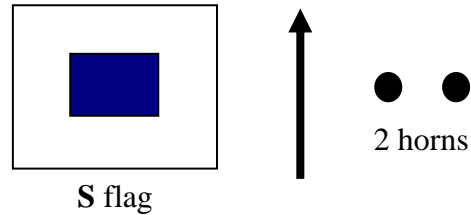


Junior Championships
Shorten Course
(Finish at Leeward Mark)



It is not uncommon for racers (or race committees) to confuse “shorten course” with “change course”. These are two different actions. **Shorten course** is what is done when boats are made to finish the race more quickly by **eliminating** one or more legs of the race course. For the final leg that **is** sailed, **neither** the **length** **nor** the **direction** is changed.

The race course is shortened by establishing the “new” finish line at a mark that the boats would have passed as part of the original course. (In the case of the WCSC Junior Championship races, this would be at the leeward mark.) The new finish line is created by the RC boat raising the “S” flag and sounding two horns as the first boat approaches. The new finish line is between the staff of the “S” flag and the leeward mark. An orange ‘Finish Line Flag’ is **NOT** used. When the “S” flag is displayed, the mark is no longer a rounding mark; it becomes a finishing mark. Please see the “Shorten Course” diagrams.

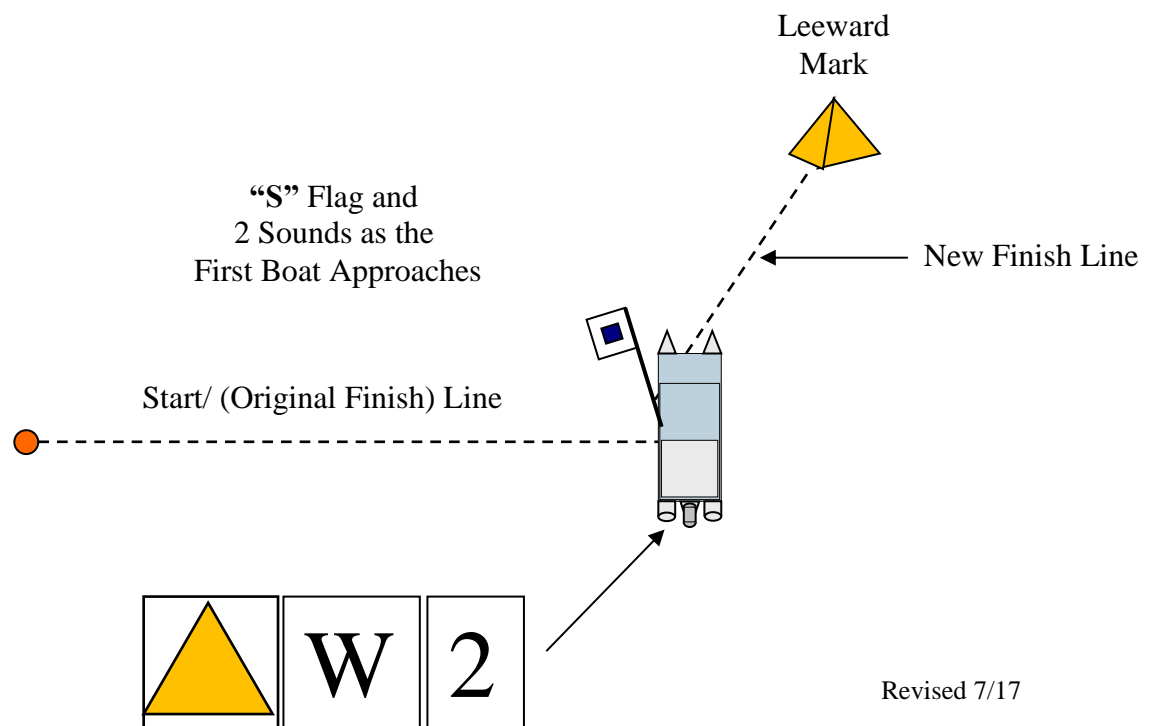
Boats finish by sailing
between
the leeward mark and the “S” flag
from the direction of the previous mark.

Diagrams on following pages

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Diagram 1



Windward
Mark



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Diagram 2

