Starting with a traffic light system
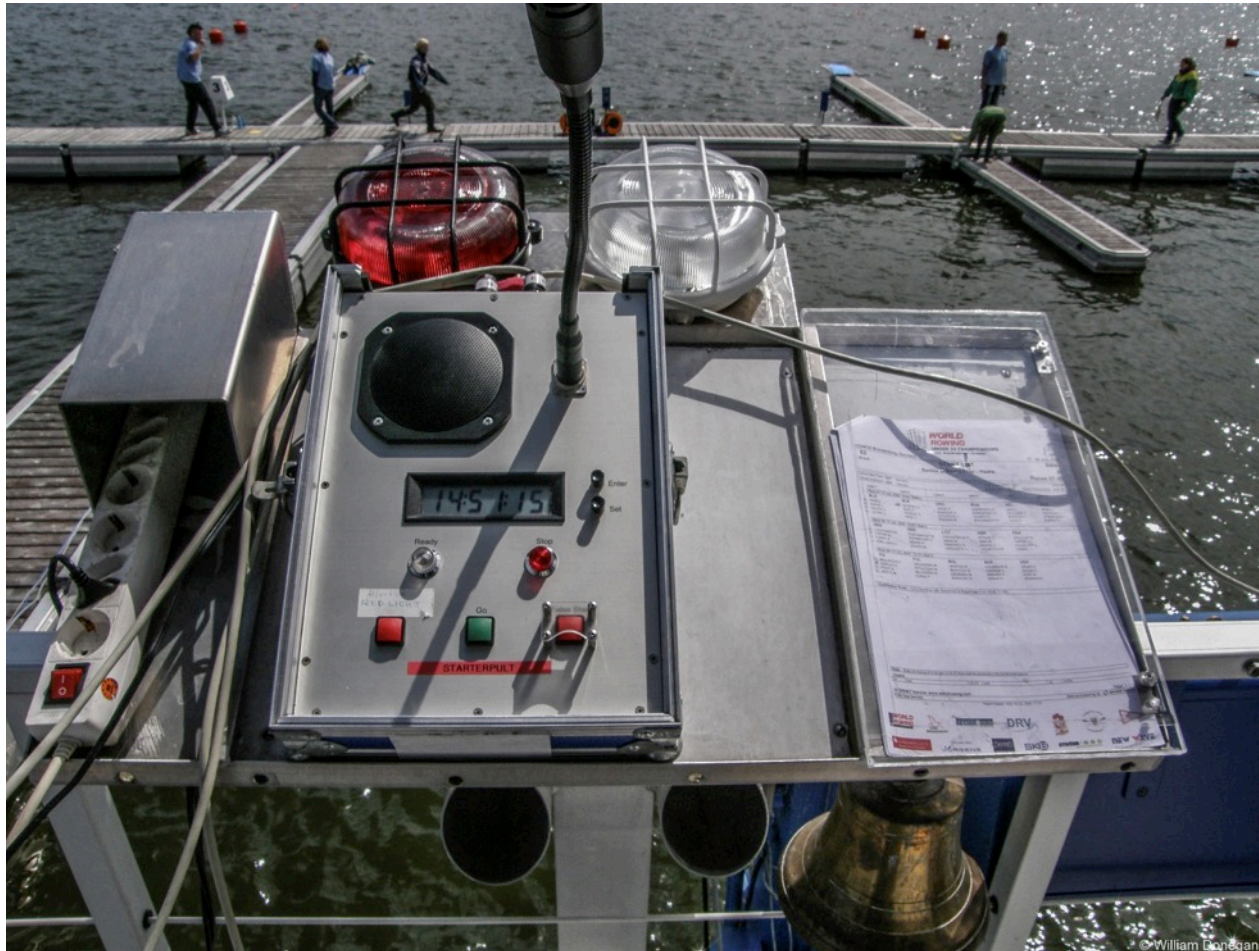
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The Rules of Racing

- The starting procedure with flags is **Rule 10.3**

- The starting procedure with traffic lights is **Rule 10.5**

- Appendix 6, the start script, contains both the start with flags and the start with traffic lights
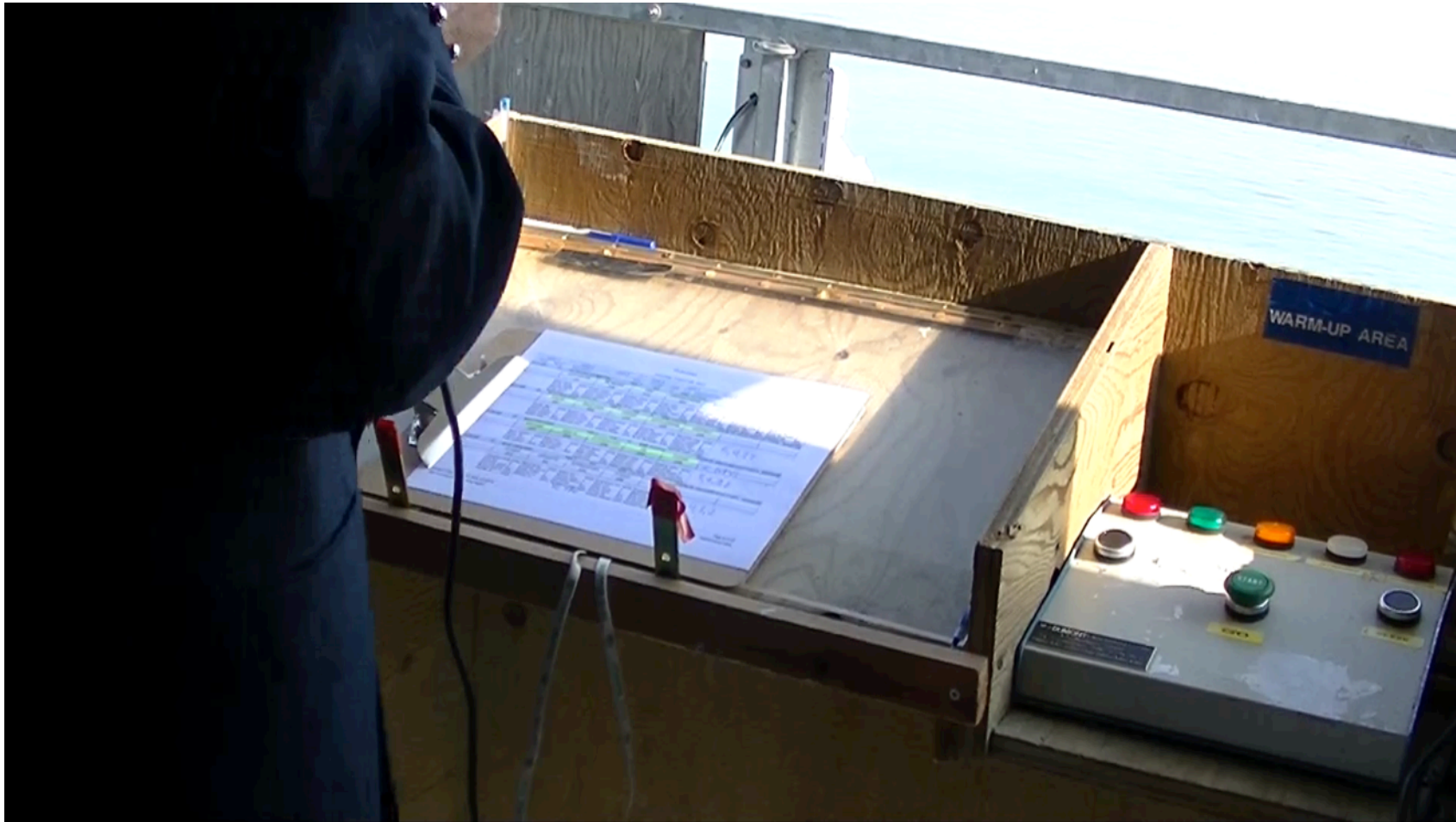
The hardware…

A traffic light control console at a FISA event

Another traffic light control console

The traffic light console at St Catharines

What the athlete sees…

So what is different when a traffic light system is in use?

- The red and green lights are initially off – in neutral mode
- The announcement of the race is the same….
- The countdown by minutes is the same…
- The polling is the same…
- The call of "Attention" is the same…
- And then things change!

The rest of the start procedure

With traffic lights	With flags
• Pause	Pause
• Red light [via red button]	Red flag
• Pause	Pause
• Green light [via green button]	"Go"

What the red button does

- Turns on the red light

What the green button does

- Turns off the red light
- Turns on the green light
- Causes the horn to "beep"
- Starts the electronic timing system

Reset the system

- If there is no automated reset, there will be a "reset" button to return the lights to a neutral state
- If there is an automated reset, the lights will return to a neutral state after a predetermined period of time without any manual intervention

Quick Start

- No difference when using traffic lights for a Quick Start!

False start

- If the control console has a "false start" light activated by the Judge at the Start, that light will illuminate

- If the control console has no "false start" light activated by the Judge at the Start, you will have to check the Judge at the Start's flag as usual

- Press the "false start" button

- The traffic lights will flash

- The horn will sound repeatedly