What is StartBot?

StartBot is a device used to automate the start sequence of a sailboat race. Once a race is scheduled, it acts completely autonomous and there is no need to interact with the StartBot. Scheduling a race can take place up to 12 hours BEFORE the race start and only takes a few seconds.

Connect to the StartBot

In order to connect to StartBot, you must sail close by (ie, generally within 100'). On your Smart Phone (ie, iPhone or Android), connect to the Wireless Network named StartBot.
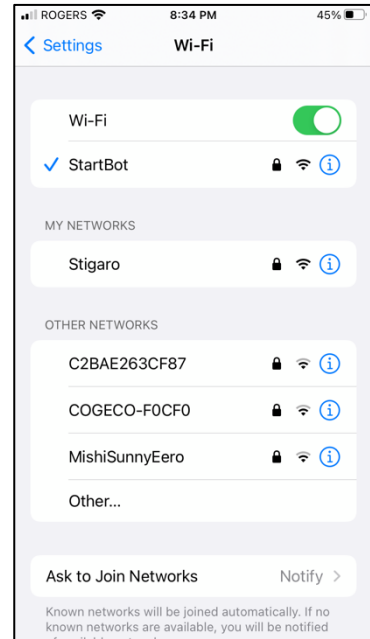
> **SSID: StartBot**
> **Password: StartBot**

Once connected the first time, your phone will generally automatically connect to StartBot in the future.

Open the StartBot webpage

Once connected to StartBot Wi-Fi, open a Web browser (ie, Chrome, Safari). Type the following address in the address bar:
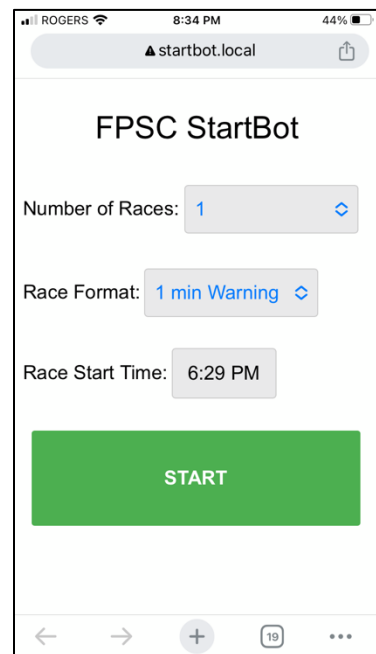
> **http://startbot.local**

If you do this once, you can setup this website as a Desktop Shortcut to facilitate future connections.

To Schedule a Race

1. Sail close to the Startbot and connect to the Wi-Fi Network.
2. Open the StartBot webpage.
3. Choose the Start sequence settings and schedule the race.
4. Sail away and forget about it.

By default, the StartBot is set for the following start sequence:

Time	Event	Sound
6:29 pm	1 minute Alert	3 horns (short)
6:30 pm	5 minute Warning Fleet flag UP	1 horn (short)
6:31 pm	4 minute Warning Prep Flag UP	1 horn (short)
6:34 pm	1 minute Warning Prep Flag DOWN	1 horn (short)
6:35 pm	START Fleet flag DOWN	1 horn (long)

If acceptable, all you have to do is Click START then confirm by clicking OK. A countdown timer will begin. You do not have to remain near the StartBot and do NOT have to remain connected to WiFi.