

# **Yachting Australia Race Officials' Courses and Qualifications**

## **Information Sheet No 13**

# **CLUB RACE OFFICERS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

A candidate for appointment as a Club Race Officer must:

- Be a financial member of a yacht or sailing club recognised by a Member Yachting Authority (MYA), possess Silver membership of Yachting Australia; and
- Have attended a Member Yachting Association Race Officer seminar, a Yachting Australia National Race Officer seminar or an ISAF International Race Officer seminar; and
- Be recommended by the Club.

### **POWER BOAT DRIVING**

Except in the case of reappointment it is expected that the ability to drive small powerboats should be demonstrated by the candidate possessing the Australian National Powerboat Handling Certificate TL3 or equivalent. The rescue boat endorsement is strongly recommended.

(TL3 does not fulfill the need for ability to position small power boats in a match racing umpiring environment, as this is a further developed skill.)

### **APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE**

Applications must be made in writing to the applicant's MYA, and be accompanied by the supporting information that may be required by the MYA.

The MYA (through its appointed Racing Rules Committee) is responsible for investigating the eligibility (see above) and the suitability of a candidate for State Race Officer.

Appointments are made by the Board of the candidate's MYA upon the recommendation of the MYA's Racing Rules Committee.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

It is the responsibility of a MYA to administer its own Club Race Officer program, including advising the application procedure, advising candidates of the results of their application, keeping all records, considering applications for reappointment, and ensuring that Yachting Australia's eligibility standards are upheld.

It is not a Yachting Australia requirement that a MYA put in place a Club Race Officer procedure, as Club Race Officer is not a mandatory intermediate step in becoming a State Race Officer. The

decision to appoint Club Race Officers or not rests with a MYA, but should it decide to do so then its procedures must comply with this Information Sheet.

An MYA must keep Yachting Australia advised of its current State Race Officers.

### **APPOINTMENT TERM**

The term for a Club Race Officer may be decided by the MYA but shall not exceed four years. The commencement date of the term may be decided by the MYA.

### **RE-APPOINTMENTS**

An application for re-appointment as a Club Race Officer must follow the same procedure as that required for a new nomination, except a further seminar attendance and a written test are not required.

### **TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT**

Upon receipt of a report from the MYA's RRC or from other Race Officers, the MYA may at any time terminate an appointment based upon due investigation.

### **RACE OFFICER SEMINAR**

Those intending to apply for Club Race Officer are required to have attended one of the Member Yachting Association's Race Officer seminars, a Yachting Australia National Race Officer seminars or an ISAF Race Officer seminar. Participants at those seminars may initially feel some topics are advanced for Club Race Officers, however attendance will provide the necessary grounding and prepare participants for the various circumstances they can encounter in their race management role.