

Yachting Australia Race Officials' Courses and Qualifications

Information Sheet No 12

STATE RACE OFFICERS

ELIGIBILITY

A candidate for appointment as a State 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 Yachting Australia National Race Officer seminar or an ISAF International Race Officer seminar; and
- Have achieved a satisfactory State Race Officer pass by means of their result in the written test conducted at a Yachting Australia National Race Officer seminar or an ISAF International Umpires seminar; and
- Have received a satisfactory on-water assessment of Race Officer abilities, boat handling and positioning.

On-water assessments will be carried out by the seminar instructor or by an alternative experienced race Officer nominated by the instructor or by the National Race Officer Sub-Committee (NROSC).

POWER BOAT DRIVING

Except in the case of reappointment it is expected that the ability to drive small power boats 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 State Race Officer program, including 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 State Race Officer procedure, as State Race Officer is not a mandatory intermediate step in becoming a National Race Officer. The decision to appoint State 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 State 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 State 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 State Race Officer are required to have attended one of Yachting Australia's National Race Officer Seminars (or an ISAF seminar). Participants at those seminars may initially feel some topics are advanced for State Race Officers, however attendance will provide the necessary grounding and prepare participants for the various circumstances they can encounter in their race management role.