

Race Management

Level 1

*BC Sailing & Canadian Yachting
Association*

- ▶ Certification of Level 1 Race Officers
- ▶ Training for members of a club race committee

The Rules in Sailing

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- ▶ International Sailing Federation (ISAF)
- ▶ The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - ▶ Note Canadian prescriptions
- ▶ Sailing instructions
- ▶ Safety standards
 - ▶ ORC or local/regional, like PIYA
- ▶ Rating rules
 - ▶ PHRF, IMS
- ▶ Class rules

Race committee - Technical

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- ▶ Race committee chair (PRO)
- ▶ Registration
- ▶ Harbourmaster
- ▶ Measurement
- ▶ Safety
 - ▶ Sometimes part of RC
- ▶ Jury chair
- ▶ Scoring

Members of a race committee

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- ▶ Recorder
- ▶ Timer
- ▶ Mark set
- ▶ Flag officer
- ▶ Sound officer
- ▶ Line judge
- ▶ Safety officer

Recorder

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▶ Duties

- ▶ Keep log of events during the day
 - ▶ When leaving dock, when first race, wind speed, etc.
- ▶ Check-in boats against registration list
- ▶ Keep starting sequence log
- ▶ Note events when needed by PRO
- ▶ Record finish order and times
 - ▶ Note Protest and 'I' flags at finish
 - ▶ Times needed for one-design first and last in class
 - ▶ Compare finish order with registered boats

▶ Ideal person

- ▶ Legible handwriting
- ▶ Careful, accurate

Timer

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- ▶ Use time-of -day method
 - ▶ Not countdown
- ▶ Duties
 - ▶ Start when boats leaves the dock
 - ▶ Work closely with the recorder
 - ▶ Get all RC people on the same time
 - ▶ Watch out for start time for first race, time limits
- ▶ Ideal person
 - ▶ Reliable, able to concentrate
 - ▶ Loud voice
 - ▶ Pushy, aggressive: make sure everyone knows what time it is

Mark Set

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- ▶ Duties
 - ▶ Set start line pin
 - ▶ Set course marks
 - ▶ Judge line at pin end
 - ▶ Keep gear ready to go at all times
 - ▶ Do not leave the course without permission from the PRO

- ▶ Ideal person is a "Seaman"
 - ▶ Ties knots, sets anchors, navigate, handle small boats, estimates distances, able to steer a course.

Flag Officer

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- ▶ Get flags of decent size (36" on hoist)
- ▶ Duties
 - ▶ Get flags sorted out early
 - ▶ Need to put 2 or 3 flags up and down at the same time
 - ▶ Always know where 'AP' and 'X' are
- ▶ Ideal person
 - ▶ Athletic, coordinated

Sound Officer

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- ▶ Beware of guns
 - ▶ Do not use firearms without training and experience
- ▶ Duties
 - ▶ Make noise when needed
 - ▶ Have 2 kinds of sound if possible
- ▶ Ideal person
 - ▶ Often done by timer or line judge

Line Judge

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▶ Duties

- ▶ Site the line at start
- ▶ Call sail numbers at finish
 - ▶ Let timer get times--divide the work
- ▶ If large class, need several at finish

▶ Ideal person

- ▶ Usually the PRO
- ▶ Experience is most valuable attribute

Safety Officer

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- ▶ Reports to PRO
- ▶ Full charge of health & safety
 - ▶ not combined with other jobs, like jury, press, spectator boats.
- ▶ Health on the water
 - ▶ water or other fluid, adequate food
- ▶ Prevention
 - ▶ Y flag
 - ▶ tow line requirement
- ▶ Accident response
 - ▶ pre-arrange ambulance, hospital, first aid
 - ▶ Rescue PEOPLE first, then boats
- ▶ Ideal person
 - ▶ Experienced, technically qualified

Some Tips

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- ▶ Be part of the crew
 - ▶ The PRO is like a skipper; we're the crew
 - ▶ Sometimes it's automatic, sometimes crew members need encouragement and help

- ▶ Read the Sailing Instructions
 - ▶ Get your own personal copy

- ▶ Bring your own gear
 - ▶ Watch, pencil, clipboard, water bottle, sunscreen

- ▶ Be on time
 - ▶ This means be early!

- ▶ Be quiet
 - ▶ Social time OK after the start

- ▶ Don't talk to competitors
 - ▶ That's the PRO's job
 - ▶ Watch out for radio traffic

Basic starting sequence

RRS 2001

	Laser	Start at 11:00	
	Laser 2	Start at 11:06	
10:54	Short sound signals		
10:55	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
10:56	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
10:59	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
11:00	Laser Start	Class flag down	one sound
11:01	Laser 2 Warning	Class flag	one sound
11:02	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
11:05	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
11:06	Laser 2 Start	Class flag down	one sound

It's not always like this

Postponement

RRS 2001

10:54	Short sound signals		
10:55	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
10:56	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
10:59	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
10:59:35	Tugboat on the line	AP pennant	two sound
11:03		AP down	one sound
11:04	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
11:05	Preparatory	P or I or black	One sound
11:08	One minute	Prep down	Long sound
11:09	Laser start	Class flag down	One sound

Individual recall

RRS 2001

10:55	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
10:56	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
10:59	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
11:00	Start	Class flag down	one sound
11:00:03	Individual recall	X flag up	one sound
	No boats return		
11:01	Laser 2 warning	Class flag	one sound
11:02	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
11:04	End of return period	X flag down	no sound
11:05	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
11:06	Laser 2 Start	Class flag down	one sound

General Recall

RRS 2001

10:55	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
10:56	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
10:59	One minute	Prep down	one long sound
11:00	Laser start	Class flag down	one sound
11:00:05	General Recall	First Sub pennant	two sound
11:01	End of recall	First Sub down	one sound
11:02	Laser Warning	Class flag	one sound
11:03	Preparatory	P or I or black	one sound
11:06	One minute	P or I or black down	one long sound
11:07	Laser start	Class flag down	one sound