



Position Title - Race Officer

Position Description

The Race Officer (RO) is responsible for the safe conduct of races by:

- Determining if conditions are safe for racing in conjunction with the MHYC Sailing Office. If unsafe, may postpone, cancel, or abandon racing
- Conduct a briefing
- Setting the course
- Ensure that conditions of the Notice of Race are met
- Any other obligation as required of a Qualified Race Officer

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications and experience include:

- Club Accredited Race Officer
- Knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing, conduct of racing and the starting sequence

Preferred qualifications and experience include:

- Accredited Australian Sailing Race Officer (Regional / National)
- Powerboat license and experience driving large powerboats
- Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency
- Keelboat racing experience

Duties

Tasks for this Position include (but are not limited to):

- Knowledge of the forecast weather conditions for the race day, accessing forecast and prediction services (BOM, PredictWind etc)
- Conduct a Race Management Team Briefing 2 hours before the race start
- Conduct a Competitor Briefing (Regattas only)
- Liaise with the Sailing Department to ensure volunteers have all necessary equipment for the day (boat keys, race sheets, starting equipment, marks and tackle)
- Perform pre-departure checks on the Start Boat and radio checks with the Race Management Team
- Set up the race course in an appropriate position, taking into account the wind and sea conditions, other race course areas and other sailing club events
- Manage the day's racing activities, with support from the Race Management Team
- Ensure competitor and Race Management Team safety while on the water, in accordance with the club's Risk Management documentation and Emergency Response procedures
- On completion of races, send the results back to the sailing office for processing, via either email or SMS
- Return Start Boat to the dock and ensure covers are fitted and equipment packed away
- Return all race summary sheets, finish sheets and equipment to the Sailing Office
- Be available for scoring enquiries and attending protest hearings if required