

The Race Management Team

No one person can run a good race or series. It takes a good team. Each member of the race committee team has an important role to play. When you join a race committee, you eat, drink and breathe TEAM! You should focus hard on your particular job responsibilities, follow the direction of your team leader (the Principal Race Officer) and keep an eye out for the needs of the rest of your team members.

Wind Reader

Observes and records wind direction at regular intervals.

Mark Setter

Positions, sets and relocates marks of the course. Relays changes in wind to the race committee.

Principal Race Officer

(PRO)

Chief executive of the race committee team. Makes the major race management decisions.

Line Sighter

Sights starting line to identify boats "on the course side" and tracks boats returning to start. Sights finish line to determine order and moment of finish.

Sounder

In charge of sound signals (gun, horn or whistle) that draw competitors' attention to visual signals.

Scorer

Tabulates points and finishing times for finishers and calculates handicaps if required.



Spotter/Recorder

Identifies and records all boats starting and finishing, including competitors who do not complete the race.

Signaller

Signals information to competitors through visual signals from the race committee boat or station.

Timer

Calls the time sequence aloud so the start and finish can be properly run. The heartbeat of the committee.

Committee Boat Operator

Responsible for operating and equipping the race committee boat.