



## IODA RACE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- All amendments to NOR and SIs shall be signed by the Race Officer and the IODA Course Representative or, if none is appointed, the IODA representative.
- State at the Team Leaders meeting the philosophy about race management procedures including: Safety, individual vs. general recall, starting penalties, min. wind speed, posting of OCS/BFD.
- Afloat only use signals on Race Committee boats (RC). Identification flags on starting and finishing boats should be well separate from the signals or be removed when the lines are set.
- Keep notes of everything happening on all RC boats including wind speed and direction changes
- Start pin end should be an anchored boat, not a mark. There should be at least 2 line sighters at each end
- Use a GPS to measure the length of the starting line.
- Minimum wind is when it is evenly spread on the course and boats can sail and manoeuvre at the time of the start. This should never be less than 4 knots. Don't delay start if conditions fulfil this guideline. Don't start in conditions outside this guideline.
- Always start on time
- Make every effort to identify as many OCS boats as possible. If the majority of OCS boats have been identified, signal an individual recall even if you have identified a large number of boats as OCS.
- If there a lot of boats over the line due to a wrongly set line, or in case of a RC error, use AP well ahead of the starting signal. Don't use it in the last second unless essential. Keep it displayed for 1 minute and start over. If you need more time, take it but be fast.
- 5 – 7 minutes between the start and the warning signal of the next group are enough
- The orange flag for the next series of races should be displayed ASAP after the last boat of the divisions involved arrives at the starting area
- Legs should be square with the wind, even if this means that the geometry of the course is altered
- Think twice before abandoning after the start. A big wind shift is not always a reason to abandon. If it happens after the first group has reached the 2/3 of the first leg, let the race continue and adjust the course by moving the gate or the finishing line.
- A wind decrease is not a reason to abandon. If boats can sail but you think they won't reach the finish line on time, be prepared to shorten at the gate. Never shorten earlier than the gate. If the wind dies completely and the boats can't sail, abandon the race.
- Post finishing order ashore immediately after the finishing of each race. Don't wait until the last race of the day finishes.
- Post OCS/BFD boats ashore right after the start
- Don't keep sailors on the water too long.
- Post protest time limit ashore immediately after the finish of the last boat
- **FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURES FROM DAY TO DAY**
- **USE COMMON SENSE**