

RQYS Volunteers for course laying duties. Prepared by Peter Talbot . (Snr Course Layer and NRO)

Basics.

Boat Licence, Radio Licence,

Boat safety equipment check.

Boat box with all necessary equipment on board.

Mooring / tow lines, anchor and rode to suit duties.

Familiarity with vessel

Boat handling,

Preparation of vessel

Mooring / tow lines.

Course Setting

Has a copy of Sailing Instructions (SI's.)

Understands SI's.

Collect **correct** marks and tackle (to suit depth on specified course) from buoy shed as per SI's.

Has a copy of course tables to match course in SI's.

Has course laying instruments to action mark placement from tables.

(GPS, compass, wind stick, anemometer, range finder, watch, wind recording sheet)

Has a sound knowledge of operation of Garmin 72 GPS.

Time setting of watch from GPS.

Able to set marks as required by Race Officer.

Can move marks accurately and in a timely fashion as requested by RO.

Has his/her head out of the boat to ensure a full understanding of what's happening around you.

Positions course boat clear of yachts but in touch with area you are responsible.

(ie; Mark responsible "Mark 1", locate to windward of Mark 1)

Advise the RO if any instruction not understood. Keep asking until you have a full understanding.

Able to set the start/ finish pin, set gates as advised by RO.

Change of Course

Able to signal change of course. Knows correct flags and sound signal.

Has correct flags on board.

Knows where to anchor during change or shortening of course.

Knows to fly flag "S" and sound signal for alternate finish. May be for 1 class only!

Class flag required below S flag for yachts finishing

Can successfully finish a shortened course race as requested by RO.

Note; The RO may offer help by sending personnel from start or finish boat.

Can efficiently and accurately position start/ finish marks and Gates. As directed by RO.

Able to move any of these marks as advised by RO.

The course layer must be a team player and always offer feedback to the RO as required.

Recording Information

At Mark 1, The wind must be recorded at regular intervals. (approx. every 5 minutes)

Any change in direction or velocity to be reported to RO on start boat.

Rounding should be recorded and times taken for 1st and last of each class.

Report times (1st and last) to start boat.

When finishing a shortened course record all finishers and times if possible. A digital recorder should be used in addition to a hard copy.

Rescue of Yachts in trouble

Has a current first aid certificate.

Has a current Blue Card (*able to work with children.*)

Has had formal/informal training in yacht rescue.

Is prop guard in place.

Able to safely rescue yachts/boards etc. *Notify start boat or RQ sailing office of yachts retiring.*

Prior to leaving the course to tow someone in, advise the RO. (You may be needed).

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