RACE COMMITTEE

DUTY STATEMENT

Purpose

Support the Vice Commodore in delivering safe, well-managed and enjoyable racing by overseeing the Club's racing program, race documentation and the fair conduct of all Club racing.

Primary Responsibilities

- Plan and review the annual racing calendar in consultation with the Club Captain, Race Officers and participating skippers.
- Oversee the preparation, review and publication of Sailing Instructions, Notices of Race, race programs and race courses.
- Ensure racing is conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, Australian Sailing requirements, Club policies and applicable legislation.
- Oversee the management of race handicaps and race results and review handicap or results queries raised by members.
- Convene or appoint Protest Committees where required and ensure the fair application of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Support Race Officers, Assistant Race Officers and race management volunteers in the delivery of Club racing.
- Assist with the planning and delivery of regattas, championships and major sailing events conducted by the Club.
- Review race operations and safety procedures and recommend improvements to the Board.
- Identify opportunities to increase race participation and support new skippers and crew entering Club racing.

Membership

The Race Committee is chaired by the Vice Commodore and includes the Club Captain together with experienced Club members. The Commodore attends as an ex officio member. The Chair reports the Committee's decisions and recommendations to the Board.

Meetings

The Race Committee meets each quarter to review the racing program, race results, handicaps and the Sailing Instructions. Minutes of each meeting are recorded and posted in the Member Portal.

Responding to Member Concerns

Members raise racing concerns with the Chair in the first instance. The Chair acknowledges the concern and, where needed, convenes the Committee to resolve it, normally within a few days of the concern being received. The member is advised of the outcome directly. Protests and requests for redress follow the procedures and time limits set out in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.

Key Relationships

Works closely with the Commodore, Club Captain, Race Officers, race management volunteers, Australian Sailing and participating skippers and crew.