

Yachting Australia Race Officials' Courses and Qualifications

Information Sheet No 10

NATIONAL RACE OFFICER CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

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ELIGIBILITY

A candidate for appointment as a National Race Officer must:

- Be a financial member of a yacht or sailing club recognised by a Member Yachting Authority (MYA), possess Silver membership of Yachting Australia; and
- Possess the required qualifications as set out later in this Information Sheet; and
- Be nominated and recommended by their MYA.

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE

Applications must be in writing with a completed Application Form, a Nomination Form and NRO Assessment form endorsed by the candidate's MYA.

The YA Race Officials Committee (through its appointed National Race Officers' Sub-Committee) is responsible for recommending the appointment of National Race Officers. Applications for appointment are considered at the time of the ROC's annual meeting, so the closing date each year for applications is 1st September.

Appointments are made by the Yachting Australia Board upon the recommendation of the ROC.

NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS

An applicant for assessment as a National Race Officer must be a highly experienced race officer capable of running regatta's at the highest level and prior to lodging an application for direct on water assessment meet the following guidelines:

- Have attended a Yachting Australia National Race Officers Seminar (or an ISAF International Race Officers Seminar); and
- Passed Yachting Australia's written examination (or ISAF's written examination); and
- Passed the on water assessment; and
- Have a knowledge of the racing rules of sailing; and
- Possess the analytical skills, judicial temperament and physical ability to fulfill the duties of a National Race Officer; and
- The ability to drive and position small power boats; and

- Have acted as the **Principal Race Officer** or **Race Officer** in charge of the management of the event for a course over an entire regatta at not less than four principal events in the past four years. At least two of these must have been a **National Event** or higher, the remainder to be **State Events** or higher.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

The Yachting Australia Race Officials Committee must also consider:

- The importance of the candidate's principal events; and
- Whether the candidate is expected to further contribute to Yachting Australia's race management program; and
- Any other information considered relevant, including any evaluations contained in Regatta Reports.

POWER BOAT DRIVING

Except in the case of re-appointments it is expected that the ability to drive small powerboats should be demonstrated by the candidate possessing the Australian National Powerboat Handling Certificate TL3 or equivalent. The Rescue Boat Endorsement is strongly recommended.

(TL3 does not fulfill the need for ability to position small powerboats in a race management environment, as this is a further developed skill.)

APPOINTMENT TERM

The term for a National Race Officer is four years. The commencement date is 1st January following the formal appointment by the Yachting Australia Board.

RE-APPOINTMENTS

An application for re-appointment as a National Race Officer must follow the same procedure as that required for a new nomination, except that the written examination is not a requirement.

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

Regulations provide that Yachting Australia may terminate an appointment based on a NRMSC investigation and recommendation following a report from an MYA, a class association, a Yachting Australia race official or from any other person or body.

INTERNATIONAL RACE OFFICERS

A person appointed as an International Race Officer is ex-officio a National Race Officer. A four-year National Race Officer term commences from the date of ISAF appointment, which is also 1st January.

When a person ceases to be an International Race Officer, an ex-officio National Race Officer term is granted for a further period of four years.

EVENTS

The suitability of an event to be classified as a principal event will be determined by the ROC. As a guideline, the five principal events necessary for qualification as a National Race Officer should include:

State Events

Examples of **State Events** would be:

- State /Territory Championships with more than 20 boats and 8 Clubs represented
- Major Match Racing Events with more than 8 entrants and 4 Clubs represented

National Events

Examples of ***National Events*** would be:

- World Championship events
- Interdominion or Continental Championships with more than 20 boats
- Yachting Australia recognised Australian Championships
- Sail Downunder Series of regattas
- Pre Olympic events

DEFINITIONS

The term ***Principal Race Officer*** means the person in charge of a team of ***Race Officers*** that are each in charge of a particular course area in a regatta.

The term ***Race Officer*** means the person in charge of a particular course area for the duration of a regatta. The ***Race Officer*** must have been involved in the planning and organisational roles in putting together the race management team and have the overall control and responsibility for the team.

Other persons working for the Race Officer are referred to as members of the Race Management Team.