



Liverpool Yacht Club Tranmere Sailing Club



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At last night's sailing committee various matters relating to racing were raised:-

Race Officer duties

It is a requirement of the club that boats that enter races shall also act as a race officer, when allocated. The dates you are scheduled to act as RO are printed in the club handbook, on the club website and included in the diary update file. Race duties are allocated in alphabetical order. It is the boats skipper who is tasked with organising sufficient people to do race control (usually a minimum of 3 may be more if using Mersey Pride).

If a skipper cannot complete the scheduled race officer duty it is up to them to find a replacement (they can swap duties with other skippers). Race Control Committee appoint a 'manager of the month' who may be able to give you some assistance but do not rely on RCC to provide your race control team. The Race Captain and Vice Commodore may be able to assist, but it remains the nominated skipper's responsibility to find a replacement.

If you are unsure on what is required to complete a RO stint then it is recommended that you consult RCC early to see if they can organise a training session. On top of that if you are unsure then consider requesting to shadow another boat doing race control so you can see what needs to be done.

RCC committee have been called in all too often to supply the race control team, often at short notice. It is unfair to expect RCC to do that on your behalf. The SI's provide for the postponement of a race in the event that the RO and race control team are not on station before the race. Rather than cause frustration to other members RO's need to recognise that it is their duty to adequately provide a race control team for their boats RO stint

Signing on and Safety sheets

It is a requirement under our sailing instructions that skippers shall sign on BEFORE racing and shall complete a crew sheet identifying the each crew member and a next of kin contact number in case the club or authorities such as MCGA need to contact next of kin. That safety sheet is to be deposited with race control, usually in the plastic boxes either side of the lock.

However in order for that information to be of any use the crew names and contact numbers need to be legible. Skippers are requested to make certain that the sheet is completed legibly. There is a sanction provided in the SI's to apply a discretionary penalty which may be applied in the event of the RO not being able to decipher the handwriting. We would like to avoid having to implement that, so PLEASE make those forms legible.

One way to make the forms more legible is to pre print a form with your regular crews details on and add irregular crew as required by hand. A MS Office WORD template is available on request

Commodores Cup

Many thanks for those skippers who were able to provide their boat + crew for the 2018 Commodores Cup. As ever it was a fairly hard fought race won by Wallasey Yacht Club. It is heartening that so many skippers are able to let someone else sail their pride and joy. This year

we had one or two boats that were offered but didn't have a Kindred club Commodore sailing on them. My apologies but due to the nature of the event you never really know how many visiting Commodores will turn up.

So many thanks for those skippers who offered their boat to support our club and our Commodore

Mersey Pride

After extensive work on Mersey Pride it is now available for use. Members doing Race Control are encouraged to consider doing race control from MP. To use MP you need to have:-

- a skipper who is familiarised with using MP and sufficient crew. Its recommended that you have a minimum of 3 crew to operate MP. That skipper does not need to be the skipper of the boat doing race control.
- You must have informed RCC or sailing committee of your wish to use MP at giving at least 4 days notice to effectively book the boat.
- Skippers of race boats and their crew (and all other members) are encouraged to get familiarised with using MP. It is a club asset and it should be utilised by club members

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