

CHARTER OF THE RACE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Race Management Committee (RMC) is the committee of US SAILING that supports and promotes race management, and trains and certifies race officers. The committee has four major subcommittees. The Race Officer Training and Certification Sub Committee (ROT&C) designs the race officer certification program and implements the structured training of race officers through its Basic and Advanced Race Management Seminars. The Area Race Officers Working Group (AROWG) administers the race officer certification programs within their respective Areas, including approving the certification of Club Race Officers. The Area Race Officers recommend to the RMC through their committee, those race officers who have provided experience and testing data and references indicating that they should be considered for certification at the Regional or National Race Officer Level. The Publications Sub Committee provides training and reference materials through the production of the *Race Management Handbook* and *Join the Race Committee Team!* booklet that are updated and published when ISAF publishes the new Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Another subcommittee annually selects the winner of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Trophy for excellence in race management from among the events submitted for consideration.

The entire RMC reviews proposed changes to the RRS that affect race management prior to the ISAF meetings and makes recommendations regarding their approval. It also reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the approval of initial International Race Officer (IRO) applications by US SAILING. Other responsibilities include making recommendations to US SAILING on race committee equipment, safety issues and scoring programs. A member of the committee familiar with the US SAILING website acts as the committee's webmaster. Periodic bulletins, evaluations of scoring programs and other race management information are published in print or electronically on the Race Management website.

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