

US Sailing Race Officer Certification Requirements

REQUIREMENT	Club	Regional	National
US Sailing membership		✓	
outstanding personal character		✓	
sailboat racing experience (no time limit)		✓	
own <i>Join The Race Committee Team</i>		✓	
own US Sailing <i>Race Management Handbook</i> (paper or digital)		✓	
endorsed by flag officer of a US Sailing-affiliated LSO		✓	
recommended without qualification by Area Race Officer		✓	
has done all RC jobs, including scoring		✓	
minimum age	18	21	21
minimum PRO experience in the USA	4 times	5 times	5 times ¹
PRO at second venue away from home waters		✓	✓ ¹
sufficient and appropriately varied PRO experience to meet expectations recorded in SOARS	✓	✓	✓ ¹
PRO at venue with current			✓ ¹
PRO at regional or higher level event		✓	
PRO at national or higher level event			✓ ¹
complete one-day <u>or</u> two-day seminar	✓		
complete two-day seminar (or lead instructor) OR sufficient continuing education credits (<u>for recertification only</u>)	OK	✓ ²	✓
	(not yet)	✓	✓
pass CRO test or advanced test at CRO level	✓		
pass advanced test at RRO level	OK	✓ ²	
pass advanced test at NRO level	OK	OK	✓
own US Sailing Appeals & ISAF Cases book		✓	✓
reference from a competitor ³		✓	✓
reference from an World Sailing or US race official ³		✓	✓
pass NRO problem-solving test			✓
on-the-water observation & evaluation from an NRO ³			✓
match- or team-racing RC experience			✓
race management teaching experience		(preferred)	✓
certification decision made by ARO	✓		
certification decision by Race Management Committee		✓	✓
administered by ARO	✓		
administered by US Sailing		✓	✓

Notes:

Please see detailed requirements for certification on the Race Officer Certification page of US Sailing website.

¹ Experience as a race management consultant may be substituted (two maximum).

² A World Sailing IRO seminar and test may be substituted for RRO certification.

³ There are restrictions on who can provide the reference or evaluation.