

THE 49er RACE COMMITTEE TEAM

The Team may vary depending on the size of the event and other requirements but is hopefully a proforma guide

Class Race Officer / ITO
Course Race Officer
Deputy Race Officer
Recorder/Spotter/ Finishing Officer
Timekeeper/Sounder
Signaller/Flag Person
Committee Boat Driver

Assistant Race Officer (Pin End Boat)
Recorder/Spotter 1
Recorder/Spotter 2
Pin End Boat Driver

Mark Layer 1 with Assistant
Mark Layer 2 with Assistant

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Class Race Officer / ITO

The person with overall responsibility for the Course Race Committee Team.
Responsible for the following;

- Maintaining an overall consistent Race Management Policy
- Is the 'final say' for OCS numbers and General and Individual Recalls
- Dealing with Race Committee protests (this may be delegated to the Course Race Officer)
- Communicating with Jury
- Making sure races are started on time and subsequent races are started without delays

Course Race Officer

The leader of the Race Committee team on each Course
Responsible for the following;

- Positioning of the Committee boat and communicating, on position, with other Course Race Officers
- Setting the start line and calling boats at start
- Setting the course – direction and distance to meet target times
- Communicating with Safety Leader
- Changing the course if and when required
- Communicating with Beach master / Shore Control

Deputy Race Officer

Only responsibility is to assist the Race Officer as instructed.

Possible responsibilities delegated by Race Officer

- Wind tracking
- Preparing finish line or start line for next race
- Preparing course for next race

Recorder/Spotter

The Recorder is responsible for obtaining a list of competitors from the Race Office.

The Recorder keep a running record of information on the water on the official sheets provided, this information consists of the following,

- Date
- Time of starts
- Race number
- Wind direction and speed on a regular basis
- Starters logged by class against entries
- Details of premature starters
- Finishing positions and details
- Finishing times for first and last boats
- Collection of all mark rounding details from Mark Layers
- Communicating results to results team on shore and timings needed for protest time limit
- Rule infringements noted during racing
- Protest flags flown
- Retirements
- Time of return to shore

The Recorder is responsible for collecting all paperwork for each day and race and filing as appropriate.

Timekeeper

The Timekeeper is responsible for all sound signals, guns and horns.

The Timekeeper is responsible for accurate timing and the communication of all timings to the Race Committee team; he takes orders direct from the Race Officer.

This information consists of the following,

- Timings of all flags and sound signals
- Timing of signals following postponement, abandonment or general recall

- Race duration timing for all races with expected race times, if possible.
- Being aware of first leg and full race time limits and keeping Race Officer informed of progress, if there is a problem

Signaller/Flag person

The Signaller is responsible for all flags and course boards for all Committee boats and mark boats. Making sure they are all ready for immediate use.

Wind Tracker (this responsibility may be combined with another Team Member)

Responsible for tracking speed and direction of the wind at regular intervals and keeping Race Officer informed

Committee Boat Driver

Responsible for Committee Boat, mechanical, fuel and anchoring.

Assistant Race Officer (Pin End)

The Pin End Race Officer is responsible for the following

- Positioning the Pin End Committee Boat, for correct starting line length and angle, as instructed by the Course Race Officer
- For calling the start and communicating OCSs with the Course Race Officer
- Positioning the Pin End Committee Boat for finishing
- For recording boats at the finish as the reserve copy to the main Committee Boat on the Windward/Leeward Course.

Recorder/Spotter (Pin End)

The Recorder is responsible to the Committee Boat Recorder for obtaining a list of competitors.

The Recorder keep a running record of information on the water on the official sheets provided, this information consists of the following,

- Date
- Time of starts
- Race number
- Details of premature starters
- Rule infringements noted during racing

The Recorder collects all Pin End paperwork for each race and passes to the Committee Boat Recorder at the end of each day

Pin End Boat Driver

Responsible for Pin End Boat, mechanical, fuel and anchoring

Mark Layers for windward / leeward courses

Mark Layer 1 with Assistant

Responsible for the following;

- Positioning of Mark 1
- Taking Mark 1 rounding positions.
- Changing position of Mark 1 if instructed by the Race Officer

Mark Layer 2 with Assistant

Responsible for the following;

- Positioning of Mark 2 gate
- Taking Mark 2 gate rounding positions.
- Informing boats of change of course using sound and visual signals
- Assisting with start line and windward / leeward finish line

49er CLASS MARK LAYING METHOD

Responsibilities of each Race Committee boat

Mark 1 (Windward)

Responsible for the following;

- Positioning of Mark 1 using GPS for course length and angle
- Informing OCS boats that they are out of the race.
- Taking Mark 1 rounding positions.
- Changing position of Mark 1 if instructed by the Race Officer, spare mark must be kept in Mark 1 boat.

Mark 2 (Leeward)

Responsible for the following;

- Positioning of Mark 2 gate, checking angle with hand bearing compass
- Taking Mark 2 gate rounding positions.
- Informing boats of change of course using course board, sound and visual signals
- Assisting with start line and windward / leeward finish line

Pin End Committee Boat

Responsible for the following

- Positioning the Pin End Committee Boat, for correct starting line length and angle, as instructed by the Course Race Officer
- For calling the start and communicating OCSs with the Course Race Officer
- Positioning the Pin End Committee Boat for finishing
- For recording boats at the finish as the reserve copy to the main Committee Boat

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COURSE

COMMITTEE BOAT	NAME	CONTACT
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Course Race Officer		
Deputy Race Officer		
Recorder/Spotter		
Timekeeper/Sounder		
Signaller/Flag Person		
Committee Boat Driver/ Extra Signaller		

PIN END BOAT		
Assistant Race Officer		
Recorder/Spotter 1		
Recorder/Spotter 2		
Pin End Boat Driver		

MARK LAYERS		
Mark Layer 1		
Mark Layer 1 Assistant		
Mark Layer 2		
Mark Layer 2 Assistant		