



Race Committee and its role regarding Weather Guidelines

The Organizing Authority (OA) Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) shall appoint a Race Committee who are responsible for conducting races as directed by the OA and as required by the rules. These responsibilities include all races conducted throughout the year and training conducted for youth conducted by the RSYS.

The OA is responsible for issuing the notice of race that conform to Appendix - J1 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The Race Committee are responsible for issuing written sailing instructions that conform to Appendix - J2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The RSYS Race Committee shall be appointed by the Sailing Committee and shall comprise the Race Officer or Senior Trainer and two suitably qualified and experienced RSYS members who have no conflict of interest as set out in RRS definitions. These latter two members should be appointed for a period of 3 months.

Instructions for Race Committee

1. Note the guidance in RRS 60.2
2. Safety of competitors is a prime concern.
3. Racing should be abandoned if a Gale Warning from the BOM is extant during the forecast Racing duration.
4. When forecast wind over the racetrack is likely to exceed 20kts the following should be considered.
 - Crew Experience
 - Impact of deteriorating weather
 - Visibility
 - Sea State
5. For training classes for Junior Sailors, the availability of rescue craft and the experience and expertise of the rescue crew is a critical factor when deciding to conduct sailing in winds forecast in excess of 20 knots.
6. When required to make decisions concerning weather and sailing it is recommended the RC meet as early as practicable to make a decision and not later than One hour before the published start time.
7. The RO may decide to abandon racing up until the first boat starts, when conditions change and are no longer considered safe. The RO may also decide to abandon during the race in accordance with RRS 32.
8. One suitably qualified and experience member of the RC can be appointed to undertake responsibilities set out in RRS 92.

Race Committee 2023/2024 – as appointed by the RSYS Sailing Committee.

- Race Officer / Shore Base Coordinator / Lead Coach
- Chairman of Sailing - Michale Lindsay
- Sailing Committee - Tim Cox