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Race Official Training

Race Management

The CYA's Race Management Program has been developed to provide competent regatta management skills for volunteers organizing and running sailing competitions. The program consists of four levels.

Level I covers the duties of the recorder, mark layer, timekeeper, flag officer, signals officer, line judge and rescue crew. Level I requires successful completion of a clinic and demonstrated competency in the above skills. Clinics are organized annually by the provincial sailing associations.

Level II covers all the duties of the on-the-water Race Committee Chairperson and Organizing Committee. Level II Race Officers are capable of directing regattas or local races up to the regional level. Level II clinics are organized annually by provincial sailing associations.

Level III and **IV** are awarded by the CYA Race Management Committee to candidates who have accumulated experience as Regatta Chairpersons at provincial (Level III) or national (Level IV) regattas. Applicants must submit their race officer resume to the CYA and be recommended by their provincial sailing association.

Judges

The aims of the CYA Judges Program are three-fold. First, to serve the sailors by identifying qualified protest committee personnel and judges in the sport of sail boat racing. The second is to recognize sailors who are keen to be involved in conducting fair protest hearings at all levels of competition. The third aim is to improve the knowledge of Judges to enable them to administer more effectively the racing rules, both on the water and in the protest hearing room.

The program has been structured to certify candidates at four levels and is designed to satisfy each individual's ambitions and capabilities. Although the CYA Judges Committee is responsible for the overall program, certification of a Club or Provincial Judge has been delegated to the Provincial Sailing Associations.

The **Club Judge** designation is an introductory certification and is intended for a protest committee member at a club. A **Provincial Judge** has accumulated the skills required to chair interclub or area protest committees

The remaining designations are the responsibility of the CYA Judges Committee. **National Judges** will have demonstrated their ability to organize and chair protest committees at provincial and national regattas. **The Senior National Judge** must have the additional experience and accumulated knowledge to be able, as chief judge, to assist in the organizing, supervision, and operation of national and international regattas, and to make sound decisions.

There are seminars run during the year, most scheduled by the PSAs during the non-sailing season. Some seminars are run in conjunction with a regatta and the participants are part of the protest committee. But judges of all levels will tell you that seminars cannot replace or compete with the learning that occurs at multi-day events working in close contact with a group of senior judges or working with a mentor. Most national "seminars" occur in this manner.

To request a seminar at your club or to learn of the seminars near you, contact your Provincial Sailing Association.

Umpires

The CYA Umpire Program trains Canadian judges to become effective on-the-water umpires. Umpires are used in match racing to make instant decisions on protests initiated by competitors.

There are two levels of CYA umpires: the **Canadian Umpire** and the **Canadian Senior Umpire**. Both require an

individual to be at least certified at the CYA Canadian Judge level, to attend a CYA approved umpire training clinic and to pass the CYA standard umpire knowledge test. Candidates for umpire must supply two references who are either CYA Umpires or US Sailing Umpires.

Training clinics are held at major Canadian match racing events.

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