



Sailing to Win  *Sailing for Life*
La voile pour la victoire *La voile pour la vie*

Running a medal race

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- HISTORY

- Drunk Gold Medalist
- Make the Sailor Sail the last Race
- Win Final Race – Get the gold
- Get more public interest in Sailing
- Politics
- One size fits all
- Lack of Leadership
- Compromise
- Inertia



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DON'T DO THIS AT HOME!



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- **WARNING**
 - Resource Intensive
 - Short Time Frame
 - Counts for 2 Races
 - Variations (Slalom)
 - In a different location
 - In net - Very pressure filled
 - The winner doesn't necessarily get the Gold



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- Resources
 - Short distances (20-30 minute races)
 - Course must be fair as shifts are unrecoverable and it counts for 2 races
 - Set course marks all at same time
 - Very short line (only 10 boats) and must be square



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- More Resources
 - Boats finish in a clump
 - Need for 2 people on Pin, 2 on Signal
 - Good recorders and tapes for all
 - Spotter boat



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- Some more Resources
 - Umpires to make sure there are no unpunished infractions.
 - Few judges have the skills and experience
 - 3 sets of umpires



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- Even more Resources
 - Appendix Q
 - This causes the SI's to be complex and must be checked very carefully
 - Jury decisions and Scoring must be accurate and fast before the race to have right people in race
 - RC has to post results immediately and be up for 2 minutes on water (must be accurate and checked) with a Bravo Flag
 - Very Limited Protests may be heard.



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- ISSUES

- Pressure
- Must work with the Jury/Umpires
- Tight time limits
- Short, fast course
- It means part of the fleet do not race when they could and sailors in race have to learn new rules (Wave arms and rules)
- We can not duplicate the ISAF experience so why inflict it on a sailor?
 - Classes can deal with it (some sort of practice)
 - It is interesting for spectators



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Hagar the Horrible

DO YOU KNOW THE
TOUGHEST THING TO
LEARN ONCE YOU GET
OUT INTO THE WORLD?

WHAT
?!

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THAT NO MATTER
HOW NICE A GUY
YOU ARE...

SOME PEOPLE JUST AREN'T
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