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# The Relationship Between The Race Committee and the Jury

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# Definitions



- The term “jury” will be used to refer to a protest committee or an international jury
- PRO will be used to designate the overall principal race officer
- RC Chairman or Course Race Officer will be used to designate the race officer who runs a course at a regatta



# The Race Officials Team and Roles

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- Team effort includes race management team, jury team, measurement team, umpire team
- The Race Committee conducts the races as directed by the OA and as required by the rules
- The jury ensures the fairness of the competition
- Collaboration and mutual support are key to a successful event

# Team Effort



- Relationship of PRO and Jury Chair begins as soon as both parties are named to the event
- ISAF officials are the face of ISAF at events internationally
- CYA officials are the face of the CYA at events in Canada
- The ISAF brand requires consistency in the approach taken by all race officials achieved through collaboration among officials

# Team Effort



- OA publishes notice of race
- RC writes SIs
- Class associations templates
- RC invites Jury to review the SIs in advance of publication
- Review by the RC and Jury team at the event
- Discussion of revisions to the SIs during the event

# Meeting of RC and Jury Chair (with team members)



- Working together with a common purpose
- Jury is a sounding board for RC to consider alternatives
- RC and Jury provide support to the OA
- Collaboration with the class association reps
- A good working relationship to foster coping if things go wrong



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# Team Effort

## Allocation of equipment

- Allocations of boats to RC and jury: When resources are scarce, are the needs of both groups balanced so each team can perform effectively?
- Are vessels seaworthy and safe in the prevailing conditions, or of a size appropriate to the task
- Private channel radios for communications within RC and with jury
- Scarce equipment: set priorities, such as radios for Oscar flags for Rule 42
- Other stakeholders for equipment

# Team Effort

## Questions and Answers from



## Competitors

- Routing system for Q&A that are appropriate to jury or to RC – copies to partners
  - Qs about SIs to RC or OA
  - Qs about rules interpretations to jury
  - Qs about facilities to OA
- Requests for crew changes, equipment changes: SIs or class rules designate who does what
  - The research department is in!





# Sample Q&A to Jury

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- Skud 18 Class rule C2.1(d)
- “(buttocks) shall remain in contact with their seat sitting surface.”
- Question:
- Is “buttocks determined by both butt cheeks in contact with the seat?”
- Answer from the IJ
- Yes, buttocks include both cheeks or large fleshy muscles that form the human rump



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# Team Effort Afloat

- Jury acting in support of the RC
  - Safety and rescue
  - Towing boats to the race course and back to shore
  - Crowd control – spectator boats
  - Observations on the race course
  - The drift of the jury boat before the start
- What's different about an International Jury
  - Rule N1.1 “independent of and have no members from the RC”



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# Team Effort Afloat

- Rule 42
  - Boats retiring for rule 42 penalty
  - Oscar flag up or down
- Addendum Q Medal Race
  - Radio communications
  - Oscar flag up or Romeo flag
  - Reporting black flag DSQ on the course to RC
  - Reporting penalties owing to RC
  - Protest time afloat

# Scoring Inquiry



- Scoring inquiries go to the RC
- Types of inquiries that the RC will resolve
- Types of inquiries that the RC would refer to the jury for a hearing
- Turn unresolved inquiries into requests for redress
- What scores not to change: A5

# Requests for Redress before the hearing



- RC available at the protest desk to discuss redress requests with competitors rule 62.1(a)
- OCS, mark out of place, major wind shift, timing error, flag
- Audio recordings, data sheets from RC vessels
- Availability of the RC member who made the call
- RC member who made the call – capabilities
- Competitor calls RC as a witness
- Pitfalls of spectators on RC vessel
- Track track / Katak systems
- What scores not to change: A5

# Preparing for redress hearing

- PRO, line judges, pin boat leaders, mark boat leaders
- Redress hearing is an opportunity to determine what might be done if something goes amiss. It is not a protest against RC, it does not put RC on trial
- RC presents evidence of its procedures and observations objectively
- Bring the best evidence to the hearing
- Request redress for competitors, if necessary

# Request for Redress during the hearing



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- What to do if RC is certain it made no error or omission
- What to do if RC determines it made an error or omission

# Match Racing



Communicate with umpire boat re

- C3.1 starting signals and entry:
  - Yellow or blue until umpire signals penalty or 1 minute
- Umpire black flag penalty: match terminated
- Penalties owing or given at finish line
- One boat starts and other boat will not start umpire may DSQ
- Jury may order a resail C6.6





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# Communication

- ISAF's value is that ISAF's brand be consistent across race officials across regattas
- Communication is key to implementing a consistent approach
- ISAF Officials Manuals are under review with common sections for all race officials
- One People: Race Officials