



Race Committee Duty Roles & Responsibilities 2023

Several seasons ago we changed our Race Committee model to the use of a Principal Race Officer (PRO) to improve consistency in race management for both our Wednesday night and weekend events. However, it is an important experience for competitors to take part in a race from the perspective of the Race Committee boat, and our PRO needs crew to help with race management. Presently our PROs are Dave Curry & Bill Bradford, and we use the Hull Yacht Club's Harbinger as the RC platform.

When it is your turn to provide RC Duties, your boat is expected to provide three crew¹ to assist the PRO. RC crew will be asked to help set the start line, help with course selection, help with boat check-in, raise and lower flags during the start sequence, sight the line during starts, confer with the PRO about potentially shortening course, and to record finish times. If for any reason you will have difficulty fulfilling your RC obligation, contact RC@hinghambayracing.org as early as possible so that we may shuffle the schedule. Crews will be asked to meet the PRO at the **Hull Yacht Club no later than 5:15pm** to get out to the course early to get set up. **It is required that you bring food and drinks to share with the PRO,** and a prize will be awarded to the boat that provides the best menu each season.

When your boat serves its RC duties, your boat will be scored for that race with the average number of points for all other races in the series. Throw-outs are used in this calculation. However, if you are able to provide a suitable crew to assist with RC, you or your regular crew may sail your boat on your RC night the results of which will be scored for the series.



¹ Three crew are required, no more, no less. Exceptions may be requested to rc@hinghambayracing.org at least 48 hours prior to your RC day.

A general breakdown of the roles and responsibilities for the RC Crew as follows:

At the mooring --

- Anybody comfortable on the bow -- Release the mooring pennants from the chocks.
- Learn where the controls for the anchor are.

Before the start --

- Gather the flags to be used for the start sequence and bring them to rail and connect them to the flag halyards.
- Set the course board with the courses selected by the PRO
- Assist with dropping the anchor when instructed by the PRO
- Anybody who's comfortable, assist PRO in picking wind directions and strength.

At the Start --

- Raise flags when instructed by the PRO
- Lower flags, and prep the next flag.
- Countdown the timing for the next signal (Example: Class B warning in 20 seconds....Class B Warning in 10, 9, 8...)

During the race --

- Keep tabs on the pace of the fleets for possible shortening of course.
- Eat the dinner you brought and make sure to feed the PRO!
- Take photos of the fleet to share. Email photos after the race to rc@hinghambayracing.org

As boat finish --

- Site the boats nearing the finish area, and call out sail numbers or boat names of those approaching.
- With race clock, call out when a boat finishes with sail number, boat name and time to the second. (Example: "41915, Tempo, 18:22:05")
- Write down finish times.

After all finishes --

- Disconnect flags, store them where you found them.
- Remove course board letters numbers.
- Raise anchor when instructed by PRO.

Back at the Mooring --

- with assistance if needed : Gather the mooring pennants and reconnect them to the boat.
- Remove all trash and take back to the club for disposal in the dumpster.