

HELPFUL HINTS FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING DUTIES

These notes are for guidance only. Race procedures are governed by the clubs Sailing Instructions. You should use common sense and if in any doubt consult with an experienced OOD and/or class captain. Also read the Guidance for Race Officers published as part of this package.

Remember that whilst you must not bring forward a start time, you can delay it whilst any issues or mistakes are dealt with.

- There are 2 fleets, Fast and Slow Handicap.
- Start times are 18.55 and 19.00
- Patrol boats must be prepared and launched
- You will have to set up the race computer in the clubhouse as well as rig the flags for the 2 races and set up the timing computer in the race hut and set a course so you need to be there **at least 1 hour before**.
- Remember that although you display the course, number of laps and 10 minute signal times on the main race board, the competitors like to have the marks and number of laps displayed on the special board in front of the race hut.
- Remember that the wind often decreases later so it is worth trying to keep the races to around 45 minutes for the leading boats.
- Remember that the club racing notes say that the Pacer, Topper, Heron, Mirror and any other boats with a PY of 1190 or more will normally race one less lap than the other boats where there is 4 or more laps. In theory this could include the Comets, but the reality is that on Wednesday evenings in particular, they can and wish to, do the full number of laps.
- Remember that our points races are finished using a grand prix finish, so bear that in mind if in your view it is appropriate to shorten course. Make sure you know the first boat in the each class (Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap) and the number of laps completed by each boats as in a dying wind there could be boats being lapped.

Remember, the racing is for enjoyment, so do everything possible to make the race a pleasant experience for competitors. Open and friendly but firm communication with competitors before, during and after the race is most helpful towards this objective.

AT ALL TIMES BE PREPARED TO ASK FOR HELP AND ADVICE. THERE ARE ALWAYS MANY HELPFUL PEOPLE AROUND AT THE CLUB AND ON THE PHONE.