

# WHICH RACE OFFICER FORUM IS RIGHT FOR ME?

## **Assistant Race Officer Forum (ARO & BARO) – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

If you have an ARO or BARO duty, you should have completed the ARO forum beforehand. The core of the forum is to make you familiar with the correct starting procedures and signals. The objective being that as ARO you should be able to manage the starting procedure whilst the PRO/BRO focuses on courses and the weather. The PRO/BRO will give guidance but he can often be too busy to teach a complete novice.

If you have already attended the ARO forum a couple of times we recommend that you attend the Race Officer forum this year. Even if your duty is as an ARO, you will be better equipped for that task with a better understanding of the role of the PRO/BRO.

## **Race Officer Forum (PRO & BRO) – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

This forum is for aspiring and less experienced race officers, who will have attended the ARO forum and be familiar with flags and procedures.

The agenda will cover;

Allocation of duties and briefing

Positioning the Committee boat

Setting the Line

Setting Courses

Changing/shortening courses

Emergency procedures

Bandstand procedures (this will be covered separately for those with a BRO duty)

Each of these subjects will first be explained and then practical exercises will follow to consolidate the knowledge. If you have been a race officer for several years and attended the PRO Forum more than once, it is time to move on and attend the Advanced Forum.

## **Advanced Forum – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

The content of this forum covers all racing whether it is inside or outside the harbour. It is no longer, and hasn't been for some time, a specialist outside harbour course. It will cover many of the same content as the Race Officer Forum but will move more swiftly over the subjects, assuming greater familiarity. It will examine some of the finer points of procedure.

It will build on learning from PRO Forums