



Emsworth Radio Sailing

ERS NOTES ON MANAGING RACES

RESULTS AND SCORING

- **For details of race, session and series scoring refer to the ERS Sailing Instructions.**
- **Results system** should show session results and overall series results.

RACE OFFICER DUTIES

There are a number of alternative methods for dealing with Race Officer duties.

- **The first and simplest** alternative is that we find a person to run the racing for a number of weeks or for a whole series. No average points awarded.
- **The second** alternative is that each sailor in a morning session comes off and is race officer for one race, they then receive a zero score for that race. To be completely fair everyone at that morning session should be off for one race. This may mean that there are two race officers in some races. Less experienced race officers are matched with more experienced race officers. On this method results and discards are calculated as normal.
- **In a situation where some competitors have not done a race officer duty in a session (such as when the session is terminated early due to changing conditions), then the competitors who have done a duty will be awarded average points for the race where they did a duty** The averages would be calculated using the sessions results, discarding the discards and averaging the "counting" results.

SETTING COURSES

If possible

- **Starting Lines** - set line at right angle to the wind with some port bias to try and get an even spread of boats on the line, length 2x the number of boats racing, in metres.
- **Set as long a first leg** as possible to separate the boats as much as possible before the first mark rounding.
- Try and have a **port rounding of the first mark** with a spreader mark.
- **Keep the courses simple** to avoid confusion and try to avoid constant course changes.
- Try and **set a leeward gate** if wind conditions and mark positions allow.

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