

Policy on Race Management of Class National Championships

Over the last few years it is generally acknowledged the standard of race management has improved significantly. This can be attributed in part to the policies put in place by the ISA Board on the advice of the Race Management Advisory Group (RMAG).

To further improve the Race Management of Class National Championships, the Board has decided that the Race Officer appointed to run the National Championships of each class that seeks a nomination to the All Ireland Sailing Championships shall be an ISA graded National Race Officer (NRO) or ISAF International Race Officer (IRO). It is also highly recommended that for regional class events, a Regional Race Officer (or higher) be appointed.

It is well recognised that some clubs who don't count a NRO in their ranks often have an experienced race officer who has for years run excellent events and who knows the area intimately. It is not suggested that this person be bypassed!

In this situation, the club's race officer should be appointed as Race Officer but a NRO must be present as a "mentor". This will be regarded as a training session for the race officer and will be taken into account when decisions are required for grading/upgrading.

If a club is unable to source a NRO locally it should refer to the list of NROs on the ISA website who have indicated their willingness to travel to a club outside their area. A request should be made directly to a NRO on this list for assistance.

Finally, the quality of race management at an event is not due solely to the performance of the Race Officer but to the entire on-the-water race team. To assist clubs with training of race team members, the ISA has developed a training programme called "Race Team Training". This programme can be presented at a club or group of clubs by a member of the RMAG and lasts about 3 hours. Contact the ISA Racing Manager for further details.

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