

Prior to Going on Water

Check your Kit for

- Clip boards & pens
- > Tape recorder & tapes & batteries
- > Mobile Telephone with *charged* battery
- Club Telephone number
- > Clock/watch to record in times in TOD eg 16:23:13; *synchronized to GPS time*
- Low power binoculars are useful
- > Quells : Being anchored can induce sea sickness

Collect.

- <u>Finish Sheet</u> Sets pale blue (20 finish times per page)
- Competitor lists

Pre / During /Immediately After Each Start:

Record on the first Finish Sheet

- > Number of starters [preferably with Sail Nos] per start.
- OCSs, DNSs that you know about. (Correlate to previous point. Record Sail No & "OCS"/"DNS" in 'DNF etc' Column.)
- Start time for each Start/Division in TOD eg 14:00:00.
- Course number for each Start/Division
- > Beat length (in nautical miles), for laid mark courses.
- Wind & wave info at the start.

Then *telephone* this information ashore *ASAP after the start(s)*. Call results office & we will call you back. PS By now all sections at top of page should be complete!

While Boats Are Finishing:

Record Finish Times via TopYacht's Computer Stopwatch (on board) otherwise

Record on the Finish Sheet

- Sail Number / Bow Num and finish time in TOD eg 16:23:13 [even if out of time!]
- > DNFs that you know about. (Record Sail No & "DNF" in Note Column.)
- Record boats flying Protest Flag & note whether they hailed you
- Record a note about anything unusual eg a boat that finished twice or had an unregistered Sail No.

Telephone the results office

Once you have a page complete (20 finish times) OR if you have say 10 new finishers and have a break in finishing then

- *either* telephone them ashore. Use "standardised" methodology for reading times to shore. [Else shore persons constantly having to adjust to different styles; or,
- \circ $\;$ take a photo of the finish time sheet and SMS it ashore
- When ALL boats are accounted for as Finished, DNF, DNS etc then please recheck the wind and wave conditions & telephone them through with the last few boat's info. So when it's all over you should have every boat accounted for on the finish sheet(s).

It cannot be over emphasized the importance of 'drip-feeding' the information ashore (via mobile telephone) ASAP.

This provides up to date data for the Media **who have to meet dead lines** and it gives the computer operators a chance to constantly feed in additional data rather than having it all arrive in a huge lump at the end of racing.