# Handling Incomplete or Not-Started Races.

Covid 19 has highlighted the issues surrounding incomplete and races not attempted, and the impact on series scores.

This document offers some guidance, but the Organising Authority has final say in methodology used.

## Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions

The starting point for guidance is one of the captioned documents.

There should be a clause under 'Scoring' to the effect of

"xx races must be completed to constitute a series."

This means that if the race count has *not* been achieved at the end of the season/event, the trophy is not awarded.

Under 'Schedule', there may be clauses like

➢ Races not completed will not be rescheduled; or,

➢ Races not completed may be rescheduled to a later date; or,

➢ Nothing (which leaves it open)

Elsewhere, there may be a clause stating 'if there is less than xx boats in the area at the start, the race will be declared a 'no-race'.

In this situation, the race has been 'completed', but the individual race scores are excluded from the series score. There is no obligation for race committee to reschedule. In TopYacht, such races are tagged 'EXC' in the series score.

What-ever the case, at the end of the season/event, any races not completed remain that way, and if there are not sufficient races completed to constitute a series, then the trophy is not awarded.

## Race Numbering

**Option One (Recommended)**

Consider this scenario:

Race 7 is scheduled for 17th October and is blown out

Under the RRS, the **next** race scheduled in the program of events scheduled on 24 October will be numbered Race 7 (not 8). Computed Handicaps are still rolled forward from Race 6.

That is, you run the next race and it is numbered Race 7.

This keeps the book-work simple, and as far as the results are concerned, the race on 17 October did not exist.

**Option Two**

If people get bitter and twisted about option one, the race can be abandoned (in TopYacht, see **HELP | Abandon a Race for One or More Divisions**.

Be careful. Reinstating an abandoned race is a tacky process.

See **HELP | Reinstate an Abandoned Race**.

An abandoned race is classed as a race **not completed** and while it appears in the series score, plays no part in placing determination.