



Growing your Racing

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RYA Racing Services

Supporting clubs and classes to develop their racing via;

- Handicapping systems
- Race Officials
- Volunteers
- Racing Rules
- Event management
- Keelboat racing

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Fun





ESP 246
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GBR 257
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FRA 266
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GER 242
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Fun?

Everyone has a different idea of fun

More people to race against increases the fun

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Well-managed

- Look at the types of racing that you run
- Listen to your customers (and communicate!)
- Reward your volunteers
- Look at the scoring options that you use and the prizes you award
- Easy to understand instructions and rules
- Consistency in the delivery of race management
- Try something different?.....





British Keelboat League

- Club vs Club
- £62.50 per person for a weekends racing
- Multiple races per day – each team gets to race up to 15 times in a weekend depending on format (and weather!)
- Umpired racing – with feedback for rules education
- Regional - racing at; Helensburgh, Burnham, Scarborough, Torquay, Cowes
- National Final leading into Sailing Champions League

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Well-managed

Types of Racing

- Average lap
- Windward Leeward
- Round the cans
- Point to Point
- Pursuit
- Multiple start races (race on last start)
- Navigators race
- Crews race

Types of Scoring

- One Design – position across the line
- Handicap (performance or personal) – corrected time based on previous performance
- Rating – corrected time based on boat parameters
- Dual Scoring – a combination of any of the above

- Fleet management
 - Gold / Silver?

Well-managed

- Need to develop more volunteers to support the delivery of racing
- Volunteers need skills and confidence
- Building a race management team is important for this development
- Encouraging club rules advisors helps solve on-water disputes fairly
- Good volunteers makes your club more attractive to events

Well-managed – how can we help?

Regional Coordinators

- Race Management – Peter Saxton / Paul Jackson
- Rules Advisor – Graham Louth

- Offer a variety of courses and talks – useful winter entertainment
- www.rya.org.uk – lots of useful resources
- Winter club workshops on race management

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Personal (custom) Handicapping

- RYA Race Results website – analyses a clubs results
- Flexibility for a wide range of analysis options
 - By fleet
 - By boat age
 - By sailor
- How personal handicapping is implemented is key
 - Good promotion of what you want to achieve
 - Remember you want to support both ends of the fleet
 - Dual Scoring is key to successful implementation
 - Has a “personal” element to it – may be more controversial
 - Aims to make racing “fairer”

Performance Handicapping

- Based on algorithm in National Handicap for Cruisers
- Supported by Sailwave and HAL
- Automatic adjustment after each race – no subjectivity
- How personal handicapping is implemented is key
 - Good promotion of what you want to achieve
 - Remember you want to support both ends of the fleet
 - Dual Scoring is key to successful implementation
 - Less subjectivity but also means that you have more adjustments to deal with
 - Utopia is everyone has an equal chance of winning

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Questions?

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