



## RYA Midlands Race Officials and Rules Advisory Team

### Support to Clubs

- The Midlands Race Officials group is set up to help local clubs improve racing by providing training and support to those clubs.
- The RYA has developed a range of “best practices” in these areas and this material is delivered by this group of people.
- This material is also available to download from the RYA web site.
- Key areas include -
  - Race Management at clubs – in other words helping to train people in race management skills to help improve the quality of racing at the club
  - Racing Rules Knowledge
  - Training for sailors at the club to become “Rules Advisors”, run “Rules Arbitration” sessions and full “Protest Hearings”
  - Provide a telephone and email advisory service for Race Management and Rules knowledge
  - Supporting clubs with sourcing race officers/umpires for open meetings

The aim of the group is to help improve the quality of racing at clubs in the region.

### Midland Region Contacts

#### Race Management Coordinators

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## **MIDLAND Events Planned for next 6 months**

### **Midland Regional Race Officials Conference - 2018**

<b>Purpose</b>	To exchange best practice for running races and ensuring racing that is fair and enjoyable for all. For all who are interested in providing better racing at their club.
<b>Who should attend</b>	Existing Race Officials in the region; Sailing and Racing secretaries at clubs; those who run racing within clubs. No qualifications required to attend
<b>Location</b>	Bartley SC
<b>Date</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Cost</b>	£12 including Tea/Coffee/Water, Lunch
<b>Contact</b>	One of the Midland coordinators for more information

### **RYA Regional Race Officer Course**

*An RYA course to enable qualification as an RYA Race Officer*

Location	Date	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rippon SC</li></ul>	2-3 December 2017	<a href="mailto:Jacqui.roberts@rya.org.uk">Jacqui.roberts@rya.org.uk</a>

### **Club Race Officer Courses**

*More basic course designed to cover essentials for running club racing*

Location	Date	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rutland SC</li></ul>	19 January 2018	<a href="mailto:wilkinsdrw@gmail.com">wilkinsdrw@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Notts County SC</li></ul>	20 January 2018	<a href="mailto:nadina.lincoln@gmail.com">nadina.lincoln@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>South Staffs SC</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:swatson3680@gmail.com">swatson3680@gmail.com</a>

### **Rules Sessions (Social evening or after racing sessions)**

*Rules update sessions for sailors with varying degrees of experience*

Location	Date	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northampton SC</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:swatson3680@gmail.com">swatson3680@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rutland SC</li></ul>	April 2018	<a href="mailto:william.jeffcoate@gmail.com">william.jeffcoate@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>South Staffs SC</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:swatson3680@gmail.com">swatson3680@gmail.com</a>

### **RYA Rules Advisor Course**

*An RYA course for club members with reasonable rules knowledge and who can take on the role of club rules advisor*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Notts County SC</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:william.jeffcoate@gmail.com">william.jeffcoate@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rutland SC</li></ul>	March 2018	<a href="mailto:nadina.lincoln@gmail.com">nadina.lincoln@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Staunton Harold</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:nadina.lincoln@gmail.com">nadina.lincoln@gmail.com</a>

### **How to run a protest hearing (Social evenings or after racing sessions)**

*Designed to help clubs improve rules observance by encouraging protest hearings*

Location	Date	Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Draycote Water SC</li></ul>	TBC	<a href="mailto:william.jeffcoate@gmail.com">william.jeffcoate@gmail.com</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rutland SC</li></ul>	February 2018	<a href="mailto:nadina.lincoln@gmail.com">nadina.lincoln@gmail.com</a>

**If you would like one of these courses at your own club please contact the relevant people. They are all volunteers. The service is free and the only charge is reimbursement of travel costs at £0.40 per mile.**



## RYA Race Officials Programmes

The RYA has a range of training programmes and qualifications that can help develop peoples skills and aspire to achieving these RYA qualifications. If you would like to attend any of these courses, contact one of the Midlands Regional advisors above or RYA central contacts direct. Courses include:

- **Race Management**
  - Regional and National Race Officer
  - Event Safety Officer
- **Mark Laying**
  - Regional and National Mark Layer
- **Rules Advisor and Arbitration**
- **Umpires**
  - Regional and National Team Racing Umpires
  - Regional and National Match Racing Umpires
- **Judges**
  - Regional and National Judges (Fleet Racing)

## Race Management Sessions for Clubs

The purpose of these sessions is to help clubs improve the knowledge of their race teams for club racing in particular. This should lead to better and more enjoyable racing for the sailors.

In many clubs, volunteers are required to do a couple of duties per year. These sessions are aimed to help those people to increase their knowledge and provide better racing

These are a mix of class room session and on-water practice.

- **Planning & Preparation**
  - Team, Communication before and on the day
  - Weather, Equipment
  - Safety
- **Controlling a Race**
  - Location, Course setting
  - Start and Finish lines, flags etc
  - Recording during race and Finishing
- **End of the Day Routines**
  - Results
  - Equipment

## Club Mark Layers

This course will provide mark layers in clubs who help with both club racing and open events with information and skills that have been developed leading up to 2012 Olympics.

- Use of equipment such as GPS, radios etc
- Types of courses, course angles etc
- Course lengths, Race target times
- Local rules, other water users, restrictions etc



## Rules Sessions for Clubs

The Midlands team are able to offer a range of training sessions designed to improve rules observance in clubs. In addition the rules advisers are available to discuss rules questions or to chair protests at clubs.

To set up a rules session please contact one of the Regional Rules Advisors – see below.

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## Rules Training sessions

- Rules Quizzes  
These 2 hour sessions takes the format of a quiz. They are held as a competition but all answers are discussed so it provides an opportunity for people to improve their understanding of the rules.
- Rules update and Rules scenarios  
These 2 hour sessions are usually held on a weekday evening. Designed for club racing sailors to remind them of the rules, alert them to rules changes and to discuss rules situations. It is intended to improve the understanding of the rules for those who race.
- Round the Track  
This rules session is held from the perspective of the racing sailor. We discuss what the club sailor should look out for on each leg and at each mark.
- How to run a protest  
This 2 hour session is designed to inform sailors of the correct procedure for running protests. It is also designed to help sailors make their case in the protest room so that protests are as quick and painless as possible.
- Rules Adviser Course  
This session is usually held on a weekend day from 10am to 4 pm. It is designed for racing sailors who have a good understanding of the rules. It is intended to train them to provide rules advice in their own clubs. Clubs need to gather 6-12 people if they would like a course – although they may choose to combine forces with neighbouring clubs.

Although the Midlands team are happy to provide rules training for beginners, we feel this is probably adequately covered at club level. We can provide some example materials.

If anyone is interested in becoming an RYA Judge or Umpire or assisting with rules training, the team would be pleased to hear from them.