

Everyone Can Play!!

**Integrating Match Racing and Team
Racing at your Organization**

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Team Racing and Match Racing are creative ways to:

- engage your membership
- learn new skills
- build brand
- attract new members

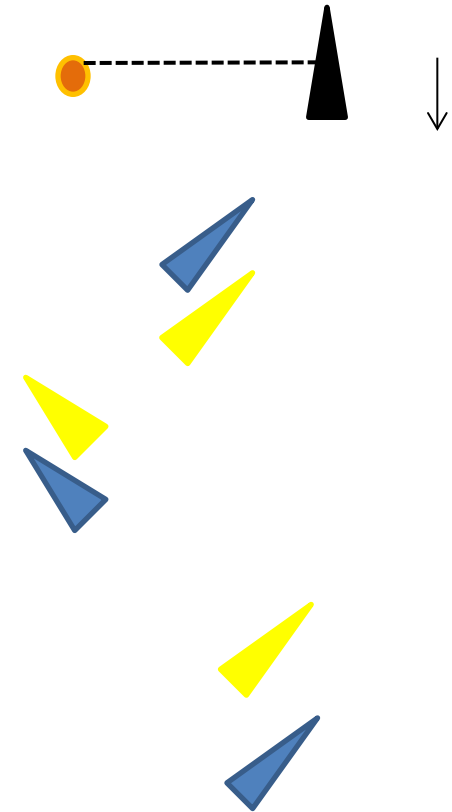
Team Racing and Match Racing can be:

- for everyone – junior sailor to world champion
- from Wednesday night to World Championships



What is Team Racing?

- Like “traditional” sports
 - Strategy, plays, team work
- Contrast from fleet racing
 - Pits a team of 2,3 or 4 boats against another team
- Object: get your team to finish in better position than the opposing team
- Quick – Who’s winning?? →
- “Exploits” Normal rules + Appendix D



Why is Team Racing appealing?

FUN

Format is social yet has high racing “value”

Builds camaraderie

- Inter & Intra Club rivalries
- Even a good loss is fun

Bridges generational gaps

Low entry costs

Team Play

- New way of using boats
- Tangible strategies
- Integrate skill levels



How to get started

Boats – Any fleet of 4+

- BYOB
- Borrowed / Provided
- Organization Owned – multi-purpose



Distinguish teams

Damage Plan

- Fenders, deposits, insurance, umpires



How to get started

Small, casual, fun!

Organic development

Have an Event

- Clinics
- Coach / Umpire
- Intra-club scrimmage
- Attend existing regattas

Formats

- Start with 2 v 2...then one day 4v4 with spinnakers!

Resources

- US Sailing RC Mgmt Handbook
- SailingEducation.com



How About Match Racing?

- Like Team Racing
 - Strategy, plays, team work
- Contrast from fleet racing
 - Fewer boats to worry about!
- Object: Beat the other boat!
- Use the rules as a weapon
- Great way to:
 - Learn rules
 - Improve boathandling



Examples – Wednesday Nights



Examples – Annapolis MRC



Grassroots MR Organization

Cheer leaders for match racing in area

Cooperation between Clubs – AYC, SSA, EYC

Started small with borrowed boats

Now have donated boats, regular Monday night series

Examples – Long Beach YC



Long Beach Yacht Club

Chalk Talks

On The Water – Right off the dock
in 2 club owned Solings

Individual Sailors

Rotating through sailing,
umpiring, race committee

Low cost



What is an umpire?



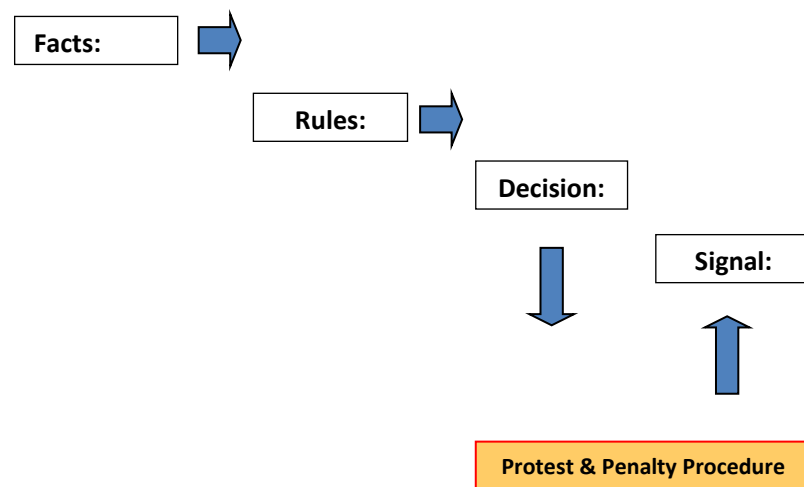
Seriously...

- **UMPIRES** are an important part of Match and Team Racing
- ‘Keep it Fair’
- Make decisions “on-the-water” when invited
- Umpires enjoy learning, sharing and close engagement with competitors



What makes a good umpire?

- Love of the game
- The best umpires are active competitors
- Knowledge of the rules / Willingness to learn more
- Consistent, Fair and Impartial decision-making
- Good small boat handling skills / Positioning
- “Loves to travel!!”



Developing Umpires

- US Sailing Umpires Committee
 - Club, National and International Umpires
- Seminars and Training are available
- Dozens of events a year across the US needs umpires
 - lots of opportunity to learn
- Start small:
 - Competitor umpiring
 - Limited Umpiring
 - Full umpiring



The keys to umpire happiness

- Umpires are generally volunteers
- They are often on the water longer than anyone else
- Treat them as guests – include them in social functions
- Provide reliable equipment and a comfortable place to work
- Recognize that everyone will not always agree and accidents happen
- An organized, involved ChUmp (Chief Umpire)



Still Confused? What more info?

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