

Creating and Supporting a Race Team

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Definitions

- What is a club team?
 - Yacht Club, Community Sailing Center
- What is a travel team?
 - LISOT, CERT, LIMA, RIOT, LOOT and many more
- How can they work together?



Development

How to get the team up and going?

- Do you have a minimum age or ability to be a team member?
- Do you need a minimum number of sailors to form a team?
- Are there obstacles to overcome within the yacht club versus a travel team?
- How do you select a coach?
 - What qualities make a well-rounded coach?
- Is there an ideal coach to sailor ratio?

Challenges

- Skill level fluctuations
- Differences in commitment
- Parent involvement
- Club team competing for talent with the travel teams
- Costs? Race teams can drain budgets
 - Who pays for the coach's travel?
- The widening gap of travel teams and summer time sailors

On the water support

- Training – What drills work best
- Regattas – How do you mentally prepare the various skill levels?
 - Managing expectations of sailors and parents
 - Support the sailors on the water
 - Do you anchor in large fleets and follow in small fleets?
- Morning briefing and afternoon debrief – Key points to cover

Schedule

Are there really that many events?

- When is the calendar determined?
- Where do you find the events?
- How do you choose which events to attend?
 - Local
 - Regional
 - National
- Do you need a minimum number of sailors to support an event?
- What is the coach to sailor ratio?

Equipment

- How do you choose which boats to support?
Opti, Sabot, Laser, C420, 29er, I420
- Who owns the boat?
 - Clubs
 - Individuals
- Who performs maintenance? Missing Parts?
- Travel Teams – Who owns the equipment – What happens when the team folds or contracts?
 - Trailers
 - Coach boats

Transportation

How to get there with all that gear!

- Bring your own boats
 - How large a trailer do you need?
 - Do you need to bring a coach boat?
 - Who drives the trailer?
 - How does the insurance work for a club owned trailer on personal truck?
- Charter boats
 - Are some boats easier to charter than others? Opti, Sabot, Laser, C420, I420, 29er, Coach Boats
 - How far in advance do you need to secure a charter boat?
 - What if the charter boat is damaged? Who pays?

Expenses

- Race team membership?
 - What is covered in the membership?
- Pay as you go?
 - Going rates for training, season, events
- Regatta Costs
 - Additional coaching
 - Team dinners
 - Storage fees
 - Boat and coach boat charter fees

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