



CYA Race Management Sub-Committee

Skype Meeting

11 March 2013 2100 ADT

Attendees: Rob Williams, Colin Mann, Irene McNeill, Ross Tellier, Peter van Muyden, Mark Searle, John Abel, Madeleine Palfreeman

Rob called the meeting to order and Colin volunteered to act as Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Agenda Item:

- 1) **Motion (Mark, Peter)** Remove the requirement to 'Be certified at any level as a jurist' for certification/renewal of certification of NRO/SNRO. Motion was **carried** with none opposed.

- 2) **CRO** – discussion around what topics and material should be included in CRO training course and what the appropriate level of material is for CRO:
 - Generally agreed to start with the document circulated by Rob (Sail Canada RM course summary.xls) as a good starting point for developing course outline
 - Agreement that CRO course should be at a basic level that teaches material necessary to run races/regattas well at a club level. Further knowledge and experience will be gained over time, culminating, for some, in the progression to NRO
 - Agreement re need to consolidate the CRO curriculum, include more exercises and scenarios, and less didactic, Powerpoint-centered presentation
 - Discussion around what the 'ladder' or progression from CRO to NRO should look like and the importance of accessibility to training opportunities
 - Discussion of the importance of mentorship to bridge the CRO to NRO gap, as well as the need for initiative and passion for the sport on the part of the candidate RO to seek out that mentorship and the training opportunities
 - **Motion (Peter, Ross)** Remove the words 'and Provincial' from the Description in the *CYA Race Officer Certification Program Outline*. That Description will now

read: "A CRO is capable of managing the 'on-the-water' operations of regattas at the club level." **Motion carried**

- Ontario Sailing is holding a workshop April 14th at Port Credit Yacht Club to discuss and work on the outline, course syllabus and teaching resources for the ARO/CRO Course. Ross, Madeleine, Irene, Mark and Peter plan to be in attendance. The ultimate goal would be to have new course materials ready for use in approximately 9 months from now. **Rob** will work on developing some suggested '**Terms of Reference**' for this workshop, which reflect tonight's discussion by the CYA RMSC, in advance of the workshop, for discussion with David Sprague.
- 3) Brief discussion around the possible role of webinars in RO training and certification.
 - 4) Discussion around the recent emails from Sarah Case regarding the need to document Continuing Development opportunities for Race Officials and Judges within Sail Canada events. This documentation of development opportunities is necessary as part of Sport Canada's Sport Funding and Accountability Framework (SFAF). She has proposed a framework for how this might work at CORK in 2013. Discussion centered around concerns regarding the practicality of integrating this documentation requirement into the other work that takes place at a regatta, the goals of this initiative, and the extent to which these activities are already taking place or would require new programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 2235 ADT.