

MARK LAYER (ML)

Effective April 23,2020



Description

- Mark Layer (ML) is the highest of two levels of Sail Canada certification for Mark Layers.
- An ML is capable of managing the mark laying operations of a regatta as part of the Race Committee crew.
- An ML is responsible for all marks and mark laying equipment (anchor, chain and rode) and be ready to solve problems relating to marks and their ground tackle.
- An ML is capable of laying marks for any course configuration and manage changes requested by the Race Officer promptly and accurately using GPS, hand bearing compasses, geometry and other tools to ensure the precise placement of all marks on a race course.
- An ML is capable of signaling a change of course or shortening a race as requested by the Race Officer promptly and accurately using the appropriate signals and sounds.
- An ML is also part of the safety plan and if needed, be called upon for safety roles. A good understanding of sailboat rescue procedures is necessary.

Certification

- Certification as Sail Canada ML is managed by Sail Canada Race Management Sub-Committee (RMSC).
- Certification is valid for four years*¹.
- Certification requires the candidate to register, including accepting the Sail Canada Code of Conduct (Appendix E), through the Sail Canada database.

Prerequisites

- Sailing Experience.
- Current certification as a Sail Canada Assistant Race Officer (ARO) and Sail Canada Assistant Mark Layer (AML).
- Successful completion of the 6 hour Sail Canada Mark Laying Course and 3 hours of practical exercises given by a Sail Canada Race Management Course Conductor (RMCC) within four years prior to application.
- A record of laying marks at two provincial or higher level regattas.
- It is required that Sail Canada has an image of the candidate's Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) and Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) (ROC (M)) on file. Equivalent or superior certifications will be accepted at the discretion of the RMSC.



Training Book requirements

- Current Racing Rules of Sailing (Sail Canada version).
- Current edition of Sail Canada Race Management Manual.

To complete your application these Supporting Documents are required

- Record of successful completion of the Sail Canada Mark laying course.
- The Sail Canada Race Officer Application form.

Recertification

- By the Sail Canada RMSC after evidence of an applicant having served as Mark Layer at four or more events in the previous certification period.
- Application to Sail Canada for re-certification on Sail Canada Race Officer Application Form.

What is the next level?

- There is no higher level of mark layer. You could consider Club Race Officer to further develop your capability as a mark layer.

