

Event Volunteer Opportunities

- 1. Trolley Dollies.**

Equipment needed: Wellies
Time Taken: One Hour
Task: To put trolleys in order to enable the fleet to return to shore as smoothly as possible
Qualifications: None
- 2. On Water Medic**

Equipment needed: Offshore kit, basic medical bag
Time taken: Whilst on the water can be up to six hours
Task: To provide medical support to the sailors in the event of illness
Qualifications: Medical training
- 3. Off Water Medic:**

Equipment needed: Mobile Phone
Time taken: On call for the day (though duty can be shared)
Task: To provide medical shore support to all those attending the event including sailors being returned to shore by the On Water Medic
Qualifications: Medically Trained
- 4. Safety Officer:**

Equipment needed: Offshore Kit
Time Taken: All day at events including safety briefings and attendance to pre events telephone conferences
Task: To organise all on water safety access to each Championship events.
Qualifications: TBA
- 5. Assistant Safety Officer**

Equipment needed: Offshore kit
Time taken: All day at events including safety briefings
Task: To support the Safety Officer in his role on the water
Qualifications: TBA
- 6. Regatta Fleet Safety Officer**

Equipment needed: Offshore Kit
Time Taken: All day at events including safety briefings and attendance to pre events telephone conferences
Task: To organise all on water safety access to each Championship Regatta Fleet Events.
Qualifications: TBA

- 7. Main Fleet Beachmaster**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: All day on call however busy periods are during launch and recovery. Attends safety briefings.
 Task: To co-ordinate the launch and recovery of the main fleet coordinating with The Bridge and Safety Control. Co-ordinate the return to shore of unwell sailors. To ensure that all sailors have tallied on and off.
 Qualifications: Knowledge of flags and radio communication useful though not essential – full training can be given.
- 8. Regatta Fleet Beachmaster**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: All day on call however busy periods are during launch and recovery. Attends safety briefings.
 Task: To co-ordinate the launch and recovery of the main fleet coordinating with The Bridge and Safety Control. Co-ordinate the return to shore of unwell sailors. Ensures that all sailors have tallied on and off.
 Qualifications: Knowledge of radio communication useful though not essential – full training can be given
- 9. Marklayer**
 Equipment Needed: Offshore Kit
 Time Taken: All day on the water
 Task: To laymarks on the main fleet course working closely with the PRO
 Qualifications: TBA
- 12. Registration Helpers**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: 2 hours at registration on the morning of the first day of a Event.
 Task: To register sailors by taking confirming buoyancy test dates, button numbers, sail numbers. Hand out registration packs to sailors.
 Qualifications: None no experience needed
- 14. Registration Pack helpers**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: 2 hours on the Afternoon before an event
 Task: Put together registration packs
 Qualifications: None no experience needed
- 16. Regatta Fleet Committee boat timekeepers**
 Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
 Time taken: All day

Task: To read out the timings during the pre-start and time the race including times to the first mark and overall length of race.
Qualifications: TBA

17. Regatta Fleet Committee boat flags

Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
Time taken: All day
Task: To raise the flag signals during the pre-start
Qualifications: None training will be given #

28. Regatta Fleet Committee boat results

Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
Time taken: All day
Task: To take down boat numbers after the start in the case of OCS/Black flag boats as well as the finish results. Results are also recorded and filmed.
Qualifications: Good with numbers

29. Main Fleet Committee boat timekeepers

Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
Time taken: All day
Task: To read out the timings during the pre-start and time the race including times to the first mark and overall length of race.
Qualifications: TBA

30. Main Fleet Committee boat flags

Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
Time taken: All day
Task: To raise the flag signals during the pre start
Qualifications: None training will be given #

31. Main Fleet Committee boat results

Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
Time taken: All day
Task: To take down boat numbers after the start in the case of OCS/Black flag boats as well as the finish results. Results are also recorded and filmed.
Qualifications: Good with numbers

32. Person who blows up the buoys helper

Equipment needed: None
Time taken: 1 hour before the main briefing
Task: To blow up the buoys used on the race course
Qualifications: None

33. Person who puts the buoys away helper

Equipment needed: None
Time taken: 1 hour at the end of the regatta

- Task: To deflate the buoys at the end of the regatta
 Qualifications: None
- 34. Pin End Boat helpers**
 Equipment needed: Waterproof clothing & Lifejacket
 Time taken: All day
 Task: To take down race results. Possibly raise/drop anchor
 Qualifications: Good with numbers
- 35. Bridge**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: All day
 Task: To listen to all radio communications, record numbers of those leaving the harbour as well as boats afloat. To co-ordinate responses in the case of an emergency.
 Qualifications: TBA
- 36. Tally Ladies & Gents Regatta and Main Fleet**
 Equipment needed: Possible need for waterproof clothing
 Time taken: 1 hour at launch and recovery.
 Task: To place the correct tally on each sailor and return it to the tally board
 Qualifications: None – no training needed
- 37. Launch Assistants**
 Equipment needed: Waders/Drysuit/Wetsuit & Lifejacket
 Time taken: 1 hour at Launch and recovery
 Task: To help the more junior sailors to launch by helping with clipping on mainsheets and attaching rudders.
 Qualifications: None no experienced needed
- 38. Race Office Support**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: All day
 Task: To help the in the running of the race office.
 Qualifications: Some computer skills desirable
- 39. I can help wherever you'd like me helper**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: Various
 Task: To support the WYA administrator by running off site local errands
 Qualifications: Access to a car
- 40. Prize giving**
 Equipment needed: None
 Time taken: 2 hours before prize giving
 Task: To support the Trophy Co-ordinator with the laying out of prizes
 Qualifications: None

41. Rib Drivers

Equipment needed: Offshore Kit
Time taken: All day
Task: To provide safety cover for the fleet under the guidance of Safety Control
Qualifications: Minimum PB2, preferably RYA Safety Boat

42. Rib Crews

Equipment needed: Offshore Kit
Time taken: All day Task: To provide safety cover for the fleet.
Qualifications: None

43. Results

44. Results Assistant

As you can see the above list gives a small idea not only the number of the number of volunteers needed to run an Event but also the sheer variety of roles. It is not necessary to be an experienced sailor to be able to volunteer; in fact the majority of our roles can and are performed by non-sailors. We also run introductory workshops for some of the more in depth roles in which we positively encourage the novice parent/sailor to attend. In fact many of the parents who have learnt to drive ribs or work as part of the committee boat team come from a non-sailing background. If you would like to volunteer, but are unsure where to start please contact a member of the RYA Cymru Wales Development team and we will be able to help.

<http://welshsailing.co.uk/about-us/contact-us/>

To quote one parent "It helps us all relax at the weekend, with the kids sailing, my husband on the water and me launching sailors we all feel like we have had a worthwhile weekend and been part of it."