

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITION FOR THE GYA RACE MANAGEMENT TROPHY

Competition for *Excellence in Race Management Trophy* is open to all GYA Member Clubs and will be held each year to recognize outstanding race management. All required forms may be obtained from either the GYA web site, the chairman of the GYA Race Management Committee, or the GYA Secretary.

Entries will be judged by the GYA Race Management Committee with results announced and the trophy presented annually at the GYA Awards Dinner. The trophy presented at the Awards Dinner will be for the prior calendar year and will be a perpetual trophy.

The following requirements must be met for a regatta to be eligible for the competition.

- 1) The regatta must have non-professional race management. All regattas must have at least three scheduled closed course races for a majority of classes and a minimum of two races for all others. The organizing authority must appoint an observer (may be the chief judge) to provide written comments about the event.
- 2) **Skipper's ballots are OPTIONAL and may be used by the host club to provide feedback..**
- 3) A completed *Qualified Observers Report*, signed by the designated QO.
- 4) Report of Observer to include:
 - a) Weather conditions for each race
 - b) Comments and observations.
- 5) When complete, deliver required forms electronically to the Chairman of the Race Management Committee on or before October 31 for consideration in the current year's competition for the Race Management Trophy.
- 6) The Race Committee Chairman or the participating Club's designee shall see that the information listed above is delivered to the Chairman of the GYA Race Management Committee electronically no later than October 31 in order for the event to be judged in the current year's competition.

The race committee chairman shall collect the information listed above and deliver it electronically to the Chairman of the GYA Race Management Committee no later than October 31 to be judged in the current year's competition. Only those regattas occurring prior to October 31 and received by the Race Management Committee Chairman by October 31 will be eligible for competition in the current year. Events being held after October 31 will be eligible for consideration in the following year.

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Optional Skipper's Ballot

for the GYA's Trophy for Excellence in Race Management

To: **Skippers** of yachts in the _____.
(name of event)

The _____ is competing for the GYA Trophy for Excellence in Race Management. The host club will greatly appreciate your cooperation in completing this ballot and returning it in the envelope provided.

Below are the major factors which affect the quality of race management. Please rate each category and include your remarks about each. General comments may be written on the back of the ballot. **Please assess your overall rating and enter it at the bottom of the ballot in the box provided.**

Explanation of Ratings

- 5 - **Superior:** Nearly perfect.
- 4 - **Excellent:** A few minor flaws, but quite acceptable.
- 3 - **Good:** Many minor flaws, but no serious effect to the fairness of the competition.
- 2 - **Fair:** Major and minor flaws; the total effect may have damaged the fairness of the competition.
- 1 - **Poor:** Many major and minor flaws; the quality of the event was seriously damaged.
- N/A - **"Not applicable":** No judgment can be made.

Please rate each category by circling a number:

Remarks:

Sailing Instructions	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Skippers Meeting	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Mark Setting Accuracy & Marks	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Starting Lines	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Finishing Lines	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Signal Visibility & Procedure	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Course Location	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Reaction to Wind Shifts	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Decision to Postpone & Abandon	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Safety Considerations (Equipment, checks, rescue boats, etc.)	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	
Response to changing conditions	__5 __4 __3 __2 __1 __N/A	

Please write 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 in this box to indicate your Overall Rating:

Were wind conditions: Difficult, Average, or Easy for race management? (Please check one box.)

Please indicate whether sailing : Rated Boat, or One-Design. (Please check one box.)

Please return this ballot promptly to the Regatta Chairman.