

Hudson River Yacht Racing Association

General Guidelines for the PRO

The PRO is coming into a functioning yacht club's arena and needs to successfully integrate into the local race committee team. The yacht club should welcome the opportunity to learn new and different race management styles from the guest PRO and vice versa.

We value your expertise and experience but it helps to be reminded to always put yourself in the position of the racers. Before making any decisions ask yourself: "If I was racing what would I like to see happen."

HRYRA boats are all cruising yachts usually raced with between three to eight crew members. Even with a class of six boats that's a lot of people on the water. So always remember many people are depending on your actions to have an enjoyable day of racing.

Specific Requirements for HRYRA Regattas

- The HRYRA member club hosting the regatta is the Organizing Authority (OA) and has the ultimate say in running the regatta
- The regatta sailing instructions should not be changed without consulting the OA
- The HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions should **not** be changed.
- Races should ideally be between forty-five and sixty minutes in length
- Windward/leeward courses should have longer legs than would be used in one-design classes
- Races should not be started when the sustained and forecasted wind is less than 5kts.
- Use two radio channels, one to communicate with the fleet, the other with the race personnel
- Keep the classes informed, no surprises!