

Race Committee 101 Training

January 22, 2022

9 a.m. - noon in the Dry Dock at Clearwater Yacht Club
830 S. Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767

The 2022 regatta season is gearing up and we need your help! Whether you are new to sailboat racing or have some experience, you will find this newly updated class informative.

Why is it important? It takes a minimum of 7 boats and 20 committee members each day to properly staff a race course for the world class regattas in Clearwater that CYC and surrounding clubs are know for and there may be more than 1 course each day. Our region has a reputation for having some of the best conditions in the world for racing, and our collective support of sailboat racing brings much prestige to our individual clubs and organizations.

Why do we need to help? We are continually building our stable of excellent and experienced race committee members who can organize and run good regattas. Every major event we host needs power boats for almost every position on the race course, including safety boats. We need expert power boat drivers with good navigation and radio communication skills and people who enjoy being on the water. Without good powerboat support we simply cannot run a regatta! **And** we need landside volunteers too – up to 10 daily to assist with registration, picking up and distributing food and water, prepping the equipment that will be used on the water each day, and working “beachside” to help launch the competitors.

How good are the sailors? Well, it depends on the event. In the Olympic class regattas (US Open) you will see some of the top sailors in the world. Then, at the Sunfish Masters, you will see sailors in their 80's competing! In our big boat races (Clearwater Challenge, Pass-A-Grille Run, Dundedin Cup, DBC Winter and Fall Series) we typically attract local cruiser/racer designs with families and friends crewing together and who generally have much more modest racing aspirations, but really know how to enjoy the pre and post race parties.

Will I have fun? If you volunteer your boat and come out on the racecourse you can count on a good time. We will always assign experienced crew to be on the racecourse with you and afterwards we all meet up at the bar to relax and trade stories about the day.

Coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m.

A light lunch will be served immediately following the training

The training is complimentary to all

“Join the Race Committee Team” booklet will be available for \$5 (cash only)

RSVP to Kelley Lesperance, CYC Yachting Chair by 1/20/2022

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