

Helpful Hints for Race Committee

You should get to Pirates Cove about 17:15 (especially if you have not done race committee before).

The orange box with air horns (Ollie) and a bag will usually set out for you but in the off chance that it's not it will be in the dock box on the R/C stand. There will be a laptop and printer in the office at Pirates Cove, but you won't need that right away. If the dock box is locked the skippers on Resolute and Skoot (both on the left as you walked down the dock) have the combination.

There will be signal flags, a clock, and a notebook. Make sure you have a pen/pencil to write down information. There should be a list of the different boats by name/sail number/and class. There will also be a sheet with blanks for sail number/class/ and elapse time by hour/minute/second. ****Have one of these ready at the start of the race, boats will start calling in sail numbers/name/class as soon as you get to the Race Committee Stand.****

Once on the Stand, get Ollie set up (if it's not already set up), start entering boats on the sheet of paper, and get the flags out and ready to go, (have the individual recall flag ready on the second flag hoist).

The course will be set and should already be posted **A COURSE HAS ALREADY BEEN SELECTED AND IS UP, DON'T CHANGE IT.** You are allowed to change the course up to 5 minutes prior to the initial warning **BUT ONLY IF WINDS HAVE DIMINISHED DRAMATICALLY.**

At 17:54 and 50 seconds, **PRESS THE RED BUTTON** on Ollie. The horn sounds will be automatic from then on. At 17:55 (10 seconds later) the horn will sound, red flag goes up, and follow the instructions in the sailing instructions for the flags. Repeat until all the classes have started.

Start the boats in sequence. On the first start, **SPIN A.** Identify any boats that are over early, note who they are and call out their sail numbers on the megaphone. If there is a radio on the Stand, you should be on channel 72 and may broadcast it that way and raise the OCS flag (the X Flag) as well.

Once all the boats have started, you wait. This is **THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE R/C JOB, PAY ATTENTION TO THE BOATS AS THEY ARE FINISHING.** As the boats start to come back, get your crew on the stand and be ready to capture sail number and elapsed time. You should sound the horn for the first boat to finish in each class (white button on Ollie next to the red button). It's also important to call out "over" when each of the other boats cross. This is

Once you have accounted for all the boats, you should lock everything back in the dock box including the horn, the flags, and the book. Then head into Pirates Cove, get the lap top and printer set up and start entering the finish times. Again, pay attention to what you are putting in.

If other skippers/crew show up and ask "how did we do?" you should politely ask them to return to the bar until the official results are posted.

Once all the data is entered, you need to find Joe to get it printed and saved to a floppy to be posted on the net. Do not throw away the rough time sheets; they should be retained in case there are any disputes on finish times, protests, etc.