**Special Sailing Instruction for Races when winds are light**

**Guidance for Race Officers:**

There are occasions when the wind strength does not hold out for the entire normal duration of a race, particularly during evening races. It is unfair for the slower boats to be left with a long sail back from the other end of the lake while the faster boats finish in breeze.

If this is a likely scenario, the RO should set a much shorter course, particularly avoiding wind shadows, but with a greater number of laps. This will allow the RO more flexibility to shorten the course and to bring racing to a close quickly.

Should the wind conditions change considerably during the course of a race, such that significant average lap time advantage is handed to slower or faster boats, the RO may, at their discretion, stop the race and score all boats just for the laps that were completed in the consistent wind.

This will be indicated by flying ‘S’ flag with two long blasts on the horn. The safety boat should then inform each boat that racing has been finished, they will have a result and can sail directly ashore or be towed back.

**For example:**

The wind dies completely during lap 3 so that the faster handicap boats complete two windy laps and one calm lap. The RO decides to stop the race and slower handicap boats have completed two windy laps but will not finish the calm lap.

All boats will be scored on the basis of the two lap race in the steadier conditions.

**This could also be used to get boats off the water quickly in the event of an imminent thunder storm, or severe weather striking.**

**Sailing Committee**

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