

GWSC Club Racing Duties

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The club is implementing a new process for allocating Committee Boat crew and Safety RIB crew (CB&SR) for club racing. The aim of the new process is to save both members and office staff admin time and to reduce the number of last-minute gaps in the duty roster.

All club members will be eligible, but the intention is that all those members who participate in club racing will be responsible for, and prioritised, to undertake the duties needed to successfully run club racing.

The new system will commence at the start of the Club 2021/22 Winter Series, (5th December 2021).

The procedure for the new duty system is as follows:

1. The Office will load the list/calendar slots of CB&SR duties required for all club racing dates from Sunday 5th December 2021 (start of the Winter Series) to 31st March 2022 onto DutyMan.
2. Members will be asked to offer their volunteer services for CB&SR duties, for the 5/12/21 to 31/03/22 period, by populating DutyMan in the normal way.
3. If there are duty slots not filled by Friday 3rd December, then the Office will allocate duties to individual members, i.e. complete DutyMan for the period by putting members' names in DutyMan against particular CB&SR duties.
4. Members will be advised of their duty by email from the Office, to the email address noted for them on WebCollect.
5. Members are advised that if they are unable to carry out the duty they volunteered for or allocated to them, it is their personal responsibility (not the Office's) to find a competent replacement to take over that duty.
6. As far as is reasonably possible, the Office will allocate duties to groups of individual members in the same fleet. That is intended so that, when carrying out duties, they are carried out with members who are more likely to be known to each other. This will help members, who perhaps at short notice cannot complete a planned duty, to be more easily able to find a competent replacement by talking to their Fleet Captain. Finding a competent replacement to take over a Duty remains the responsibility of the individual member, not the Fleet Captain. Fleets will be used by the Office as a way to structure the duties but they will not actually allocate a weekend to a particular fleet.
7. A hard copy of the DutyMan duties for the period (or reasonable shorter sub-period e.g. one month) will be posted in the café so that all racers have the opportunity to see who is responsible for CB&SR duties without having to go into DutyMan (although that will of course remain visible via the Club website).
8. If there are 'no-shows', i.e. a volunteer or allocated member for a CB&SR Duty does not arrive at the Club in time to carry out their duty, the Race Officer for the day will decide whether to postpone or cancel racing.

Council's Race Committee will monitor the operation of the proposed new system and propose improvements for the 2022 Spring Series.