

Vice Commodore (VC) Job Description

Currently the Vice Commodore's Primary Duty is to Serve as the Chair of the Race Committee

1. Establish Race Course for Saturday and Tuesday Races
 - a. Races may be established by another designated officer in the event that the VC is not available.
 - b. Base each race course on available marks either set by the club, established navigational marks, or, both.
 - c. Use wind predictions of strength and direction in determining the ideal course for the day.
 - d. Generally speaking, aim for an average of 1 hour for a Tuesday night race and an hour and a half for Saturday races.
 - i. Exception would be the "Blue Water Race" which is usually a longer race of more of a 2 ½ hour average duration.
 - ii. Blue Water Race is often to the Eastport Green Bell #3 or similar length (15KM +/-) Depending on weather conditions, the longer length may be entirely with the greater Northport Bay area. In the past, the navigational mark off Old Mission has been used. In summary, there are no set rules for the Blue Water race and the VC along with the rest of the race committee may set the course at their discretion.
 - e. It is typically desirable to set a course that has some upwind and some downwind components. Courses with all "reaching" legs tend to set up a "boat parade" which minimizes opportunities to test sailing skills and tactics.
 - f. The VC may confer with other race committee members when deciding on the best course for given conditions especially when conditions are difficult to predict.
 - g. If the weather seems extreme, or, the wind is too light or simply dead calm, consider first a delayed start time, then a postponement until the next day, or, finally, outright cancellation for the weekend.
 - h. The VC has the final call on establishing the course.

2. Set Club Marks

- a. Typically, we set marks to supplement the regular navigational buoys.
 - i. Off what used to be called the point off the Indian Beach girls camp. We usually refer to this as the “Timber Shores” mark.
 - ii. Off the south end (significantly) of Gull Island.
 - iii. Off the SE “corner” of Gull Island to mark the shallow area which extends from that part of the island. We require all boats to stay east of that mark to maintain safe navigation of the area.
 - iv. A “Temporary” mark or, marks may be set to increase race course variety.
 - v. All marks should have their Latitude and Longitude locations noted for to allow basic navigation of each established race course.

3. Start times

- a. Typically, our start times for Saturdays are based on 1:00pm. However, race start times can be varied based on predicted weather conditions.
- b. Blue Water Race start times are typically earlier in order to keep the race window manageable for crews.
- c. Tuesday Races are typically a 5:00pm start time.