

Ahoy!

ALL SAILING ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

**See inside for full statement
from the Trustees**



Trustee statement

CORVID-19 Statement 19th March 2020

The Trustees have agreed that YSC will suspend all activities with immediate effect. This will be reviewed at the end of April.

The decision has not been taken lightly and is in response to the to the unfolding coronavirus pandemic. It's important we play our part in slowing the spread of Covid-19 in the UK. The latest advice includes the importance of social distancing, people over 70 staying at home, avoiding physical contact and observing good hygiene principles.

We realise this is disappointing for those keen to improve the clubhouse and boat park and get out on the water. The RYA do endorse small groups of individuals who wish to sail still getting out, but they need to consider safety and government advice and should not use the club house. Children should only sail if there is a safety boat.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Yeadon Sailing Club

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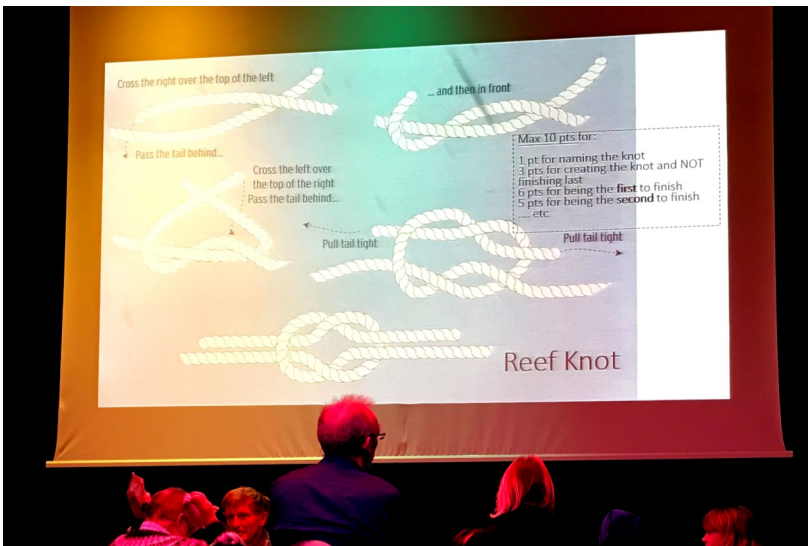
While not wishing to diminish the importance of the current situation or of the Trustee Statement above, aspects of the 2019 season need marking and celebrating. Below are the contents of this edition :

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This edition of Ahoy is shorter than usual, but there is a page of links to different articles and videos which may interest you—apologies to those who already follow these sites.

Laying Up Supper



Prizewinners 2019 season

WEDNESDAY SERIES

Overall

- 1st John Horton
- 2nd Andy Baines
- 3rd Tony Langley

Laser

- 1st Andy Baines
- 2nd Phil Graham
- 3rd James Bloor

Solo

- 1st Tony Langley

Streaker

- 1st Sean Bastow
- 2nd Chris Sowerbutts

Topper

- 1st John Horton

Enterprise

- Nick Cossins

SUNDAY SERIES

Overall

- 1st Andrew Cowling
- 2nd David Statman
- 3rd Jon Wheble

Laser

- 1st Andrew Cowling
- 2nd David Statman
- 3rd Andy Baines

Solo

- 1st Richard Birmingham

Streaker

- 1st John Horton

Heron/Mirror

- 1st Jon Wheble

National 12

- 1st Oscar Ward Laskey

SATURDAY SERIES

Overall

- 1st David Statman
- 2nd Tony Langley
- 3rd Andy Baines

Laser

- 1st David Statman
- 2nd Andy Baines
- 3rd Phil Graham

Solo

- 1st Tony Langley
- 2nd Richard Birmingham

Streaker

- 1st Chris Sowerbutts
- 2nd Graham Dyer
- 3rd John Horton

Heron/Mirror

- 1st Jon Wheble

FROSTBITE

- 1st Tony Langley
- 2nd David Statman
- 3rd Dennis & Jo Beard



TROPHY RACES

Secretary's Trophy

- 1st David Statman/Laser
2nd Jon Wheble/Mirror
3rd Gail Kaye/Topper

Sunday Tankard Trophy

- 1st John Horton/Topper
2nd Neil McInnes/N12
3rd Jon Wheble/Mirror

JND Long Trophy

- 1st Jon Wheble/Mirror
2nd David Statman/Laser
3rd John Horton/Streaker

FW Leeks Trophy

- 1st Andy Baines/Laser
2nd Tony Langley/Solo
3rd Nick Cossins/Enterprise

Outhwaite Cup

- 1st Andrew Cowling/Laser
2nd Andy Baines/Laser
3rd David Statman/Laser

Dobson Trophy

- 1st David Statman/Laser
2nd Graham Dyer/Streaker
3rd Gail Kaye/Topper

Thornton Trophy

- 1st David Statman/Laser
2nd Andy Baines/Laser
3rd Ray Darwent/Laser

Wilkinson Trophy

- 1st Phil Graham/Laser
2nd Patrick Gaunt/Laser
3rd Dennis & Jo Beard/Enterprise



JUNIOR TROPHY WINNERS

Topper/Junior Race Series Trophy

Dominic Callister

Dobson Shield

presented to the Junior who has most ably engaged with the training, and is the best overall through the season

Dilys Bateman

Under 13 Cup

presented to the Junior who has worked hard with the training and has most improved through the season

Rosie Wakefield

Ambler trophy

presented to the Junior trainee who has worked the hardest and been the most enthusiastic during the season

Sam Thompson



NEW TROPHIES—ADULTS

Now some **new** trophies that the Committee has introduced this year for new sailors, to give some recognition for those who are just **starting racing**.

The first Trophy is for the most accomplished sailor competing in their first full race season - as this award hasn't been given before, we're backdating it to last season so that it can be given to the racer who would have won it then.

2018 ROOKIE RACER AWARD

for someone who has dedicated himself to racing at every opportunity as well as sailing on Tuesday nights. He has slowly but surely improved his technique to bring himself in competition with the other, more established, racers. While race wins had not quite been on the cards that year, there is one aspect of sailing that this young man excels in – in fact he is the undoubted master of it. So much so that this award is, for 2018, subtitled the Jacques Cousteau Subaqua Award, as this sailor spent almost more time in the water than in a boat! It should be of no surprise then that he is actually a highly experienced diver as well! Nonetheless he is a dedicated, enthusiastic and much liked racer who improves continuously. The winner of the 2018 Rookie Racer Award is

Richard Earnshaw

(sorry Richard, didn't have a photo of you, although)



And so on to the 2019 season

2019 ROOKIE RACER TROPHY

another sailor who has come through the Tuesday night training (which he also still attends) to compete in club racing. This gentleman is fairly understated, but just gets on with getting better all the time. The start of his sailing career was fairly inauspicious – so much so, in fact, that this award also has a subtitle of the Duck Award because he is the only person, to date, to have managed to capsize me during a 'come and try session'! Things have changed now though and, even though this is his first full season of racing, he has improved to the level that he has now won races. He still continues to improve, however, so I expect many other regular racers are keeping a wary eye on him now. The 2019 Rookie Racer is

Ray Darwent



2019 NOVICE AWARD

This award is for someone who has just started racing and who shows the most enthusiasm for the sport. This year it goes to someone who has started off the season as a complete novice and has just pushed themselves forward by sheer enthusiasm and drive to succeed. They have gone from not knowing their bow from their stern to joining in races on a frequent basis. No problem was too difficult and no barrier insurmountable – knockbacks and capsizes were just another way of learning and another step on the ladder. He is ready, and keen, to go out in weather that the rest of us consider unreasonable, with a smile! There's a narrow line between over-enthusiasm and madness, and I think he may well have crossed it! He may not be winning yet but I suspect it's only a matter of time. The 2019 winner of the Novice Award is

Martin Parish



NEW AWARDS—Adults

As well as the prizes for series races, and trophies for the trophy races, the Committee has decided this year to offer awards to Adult and Junior sailors who have showed particular skills in areas not covered before. These Awards come mainly from the Tuesday night training

As this is the first year of these Awards, an explanation of the Committee decision is included in italics.

Most Promising Beginner Award

Joint winners for two people who started off as a complete novices, stuck at it and progressed really well. They've come back with enthusiasm week on week and been prepared to just keep trying, improving at every step

***Geir Rafnsson and
Bronte Adam***

Most Committed Award

Joint winners for two people who started off as a complete novices, progressed into Intermediates - have stuck with it and continued to show great commitment. They've come back every week with determination and, even when things haven't quite gone to plan, have stuck at it. They're getting better all the time, progressing bit by bit

***Kimberly Bateman and
Fran Casserly***

Most Improved Intermediates

another pair of joint winners. They have made fantastic progress during the year – moving up from beginners to Intermediates, and now already getting out and racing. Both are always looking for the next challenge and wanting to get on the water at every opportunity. Look out club racers—these guys are going to be snapping at your heels very soon....

***Joe Scofield and
Alex Lester***

NEW AWARDS—JUNIORS

This year the Committee was so impressed by the dedication and originality of the Juniors, that it decided to give Awards for aspects of sailing not usually recognised in the trophies

Mark Spitz Award

shared this year between the two trainees who spent most of their time out of their boat swimming around

**Dain Hewitt &
Nathan Ringrose**

Deep Sea Diver Award

for the trainee who spent most of their time exploring the depths of the Tarn by being upside down in the water

Naaman Lyon

Goldfish Award

for the trainee who pays great attention to what's going on and takes it in (just maybe not for as long as would be best)

**Maggie
Vickerman**

Albert Einstein Memorial Award

for the trainee who really picks up on the theory and understands what they are supposed to be doing

Emily Maudson

Enthusiasm Award

for the trainee who Showed the greatest Enthusiasm for all things sailing overall

**Helena
Grodzicka**

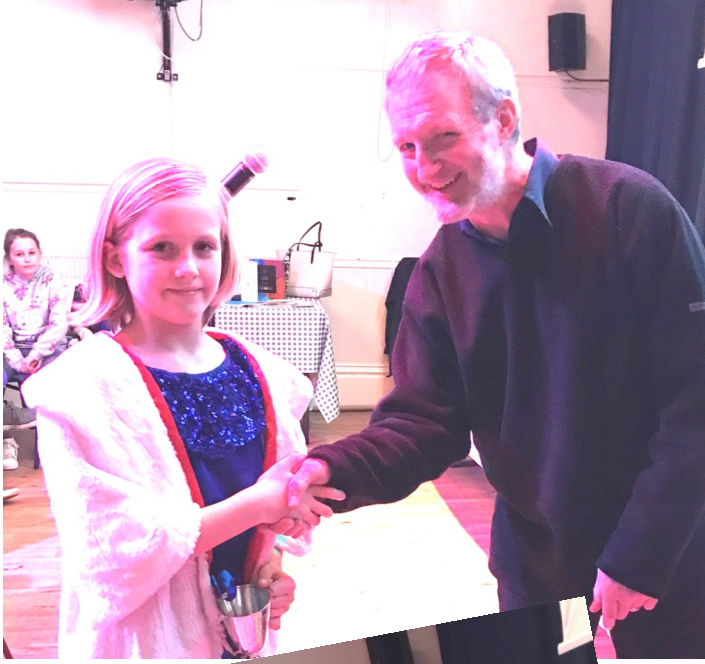
Great Progress Awards

for the trainees who have made great progress during the season

**Archie Vickerman
Hanna Grodzicka
Rowan Hewitt**

The Committee would like to congratulate all those trainees for winning these new awards, given this year for the first time ever. Whatever awards you win in the future, you will always be the first ones to have won these at Yeadon Sailing Club (and that is more than any Olympic gold medallist can say!)

YSC—the future



New Members' Information

Below are some of the titles, words and phrases you may hear being used around the Club, and, at first, not know what anyone is talking about

OFFICER OF THE DAY

(OOD)

sets the course and start line of each race; starts and ends the races; ticks off boats as they pass between the black and white marker post and buoy No. 9; determines issues around the races if any arise

ASSISTANT OFFICER OF THE DAY

(AOOD)

helps the OOD (notes on what to do are in the Clubhouse and online).

OD BOX

that cramped room with the glass door where the OOD and AOOD sit to record boat positions in the races.

OPEN MEETINGS

a day when only one type or fleet of boat races. Visitors come from other clubs and compete against our own sailors — check the Blue Card for dates of Open Meetings at Yeadon.

FLEETS / CLASSES OF BOATS

the different types of boat sailed—the fleets most often seen at Yeadon are the Laser, the Solo, Streaker, Heron and Topper fleets.

Open Day early May (tbc)

a day when we open the club to people who want to come and try sailing.

RACE INFORMATION 1

lists of all the weekly races throughout the season, the Trophy Races, the Open meetings and the different racing series—Frostbite, Juniors, Wednesday nights etc.

<https://yeadonsailingclub.co.uk/race-info/>

RACE INFORMATION 2

Info on who has volunteered to work as OOD and AOOD on each race in the season?

you can find this at

<https://yeadonsailingclub.co.uk/race-info/>

TROPHY RACES

over the years YSC sailors have donated trophies, plaques, awards, for specific races. On trophy race days there are 3 races, usually starting at 1.00pm. Check the Race Info for the dates of the Dobson Trophy, the Thornton Trophy and many others. You'll see these trophies given out at the Laying Up Supper. There's a folder in the Clubhouse with photos and explanations of each trophy.

COMMODORE'S FAMILY DAY

4 July

a day of fun, on (and *in*) the water. Sailing games and races, including the raft race and the Midnight Race.
Really, really good fun!

Although we are not opening the 2020 season as we expected, we are including this both to remind members who joined last year, and for when new sailors do join us.

CONTACTS

and how to find out what's happening

It can be confusing when you first come to a new club—everyone seems to know their way around, how to sail, how to find out stuff. This page has some key links to finding out about things, where to look for info.

ONLINE

Website

www.yeadonsailingclub.co.uk

browse through this for information on racing dates and times, weather forecasts, photos, contact details and a host more.

Webcollect

<https://webcollect.org.uk/ysc>

our new system for paying subscriptions, booking places and tickets for training sessions, social events , and any other events.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter

@yeadonsailing

Facebook

yeadonsailingclub

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

BOOKS AND LEAFLETS

There's books on the shelf you can browse, and more in the cupboard below.

There's also racks of leaflets and booklets, including back copies of *Ahoy!*
If you take any of these home to enjoy, can you bring them back to the Clubhouse so others can read them as well.

PEOPLE

There's people—existing club members are around who will be happy to talk you through questions about the Club, boats, sailing etc.

Flotsam and Jetsam



Te Kahu appears very stable and controlled downwind - Emirates Team New Zealand
Waitemata Harbour - February 19, 2020 - photo © Richard Gladwell / Sail-World.com

A few photos, largely unrelated to YSC, but nice anyway

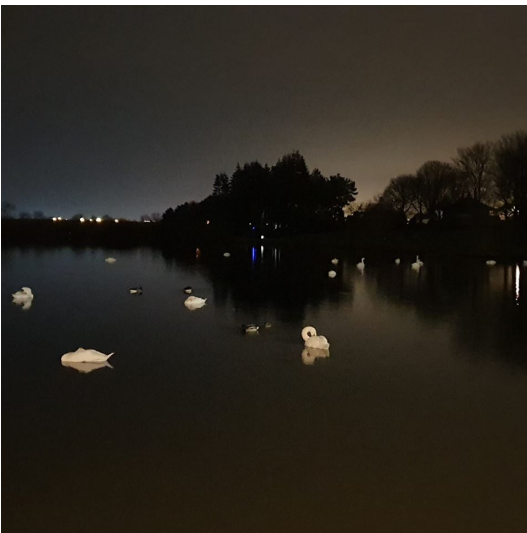


Photo M. Cahill



3 hours before low tide— El Pris, Tenerife, January 2020



Links to videos and articles

—some to teach, some for interest, some to make you drool

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/>

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2020/03/21/safe-boating-in-days-of-social-distancing/>

<https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2020/03/22/entry-open-for-virtual-offshore-race/>

It's a bit late to enter this, but worth watching - if its still there—for future virtual races, or setting up one of our own? (I have absolutely no idea what's involved in this!)

<https://youtu.be/asF1ttKDq4M>

Serious space and some pace: sailing from the aft helms of the Excess 15 catamaran

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZA2Wn9III8>

We Had to RIP IT ALL Back Out — Sailing Uma [Step 211]

<https://youtu.be/-A6kMC9ZQ6o>

The World Sailing Show - March 2020:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_QfJrSMKAvo

<https://sailinganarchy.com/2020/03/21/sailing-to-the-end-of-the-world/>

<https://sailinganarchy.com/2020/03/20/this-is-how-you-do-it-3/>

<https://sailinganarchy.com/2020/03/06/fig-phil/>

<https://sailinganarchy.com/2020/03/25/corona-news-sailing-entertainment-at-home/>

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/227184/Americas-Cup-American-Magic-flies-in-Florida>

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/227696/Man-the-galley>

<https://www.sail-world.com/news/227823/Restoring-a-1979-wooden-Europe-dinghy>

<https://yachtracing.life/the-birth-of-the-americas-cup-the-power-of-hindsight/>

<https://www.skysports.com/more-sports/sailing/news/30786/11946138/ben-ainslie-and-great-britain-cap-off-dominant-performance-with-sydney-sailgp-title>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/americas-cup/120326516/americas-cup-why-sir-ben-ainslie-is-out-to-sock-it-to-em>

<https://www.yachtingmonthly.com/news/2024-mini-globe-race-announced-by-golden-globe-race-organiser-don-mcintyre-71530>

www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/226999/Keelboat-sailing-for-less-than-an-RC-Laser

www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/227698/The-Whitbread-Round-the-World-Race-1973-74

Gatorade Around the World' - Whitbread Round the World Race 1989-90 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opK8XuW8wys&feature=youtu.be>

Peter Johnson—International Judge

When/where did you start sailing?

When I was 12 years old, in the early 60s, I was introduced to sailing by a school friend. I sailed Herons and National 12s at Croydon SC which, at the time, was the smallest piece of water in England hosting an RYA sailing club – and it had an island in it – unfortunately the club doesn't exist anymore. I did some sea sailing, but initially it was inland.



Key influences on your sailing?

Difficult. University sailing and team racing. Also, more recently, the option to race on any of six days per week for much of the year on a marine lake, with tidal sailing also as an option at weekends, at my home club – West Kirby SC

Some stories about your early sailing?

I really don't remember that much! I loved going to big national championships, but daren't tell you stories from them! (*oh, Peter, do tell!*).

You also remember the wins – BUSA Team Race Champs, Southport 24 hour race, semi-final of the Wilson Trophy. However, one story sticks in my mind was being the passenger in an Austin 7 droptop towing a Heron on the newly opened M4 to Saundersfoot for the Heron Nationals. We had the hood down, one side of the bonnet open and I had to stand throughout and, every quarter of a mile or so, whack the carburettor with a stick. Aah, those were the days!

How did you move from sailing into being a race judge / race official?

When my daughter went to her first Cadet Nationals as a helm, she put in two separate requests for redress after racing on the first day! This bought me to notice the protest committee and vice versa, and I was co-opted onto the protest committee as a novice member for the rest of the week! After that, I got into team race umpiring back at West Kirby, including the Grade 1 Wilson Trophy event held there. Then, steadily I was invited as judge or umpire to more events in the UK and qualified both as an RYA National Judge and RYA National Umpire in the 1990s.



Sailing a GP14

From this. .to this
 it could be you,
 Yeadon sailors!



Rule 42 penalty
 European Laser Masters

Invitations to international events then started to arrive, and I qualified as a World Sailing International Judge in 2005 and International Umpire in 2007 – even though the thought of taking exams at a more mature age terrified me!

This coincided rather nicely with taking early retirement at the end of 2008. I have been blessed that the judge and umpire ‘tickets’ have now given me the opportunity to visit most countries in Europe as well as New Zealand, Australia, USA, Antigua, Qatar, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan – and the far corners of the UK and Ireland.

Sailing is a self policing sport at most levels, do you think rule obedience is getting better or worst?

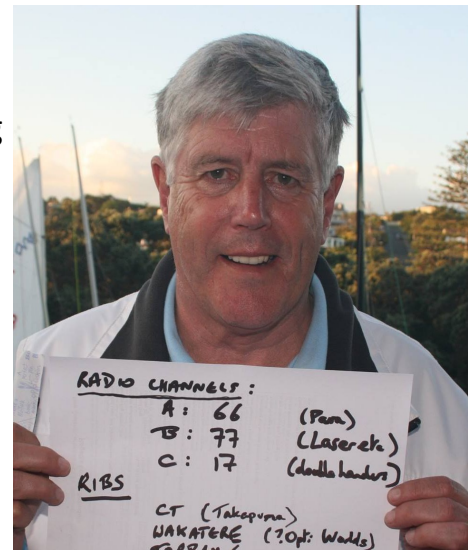
Rules obedience is probably little different over the years, but what is worrying is that there is a greater reluctance to protest and less boats taking voluntary penalties. I am particularly concerned that many clubs do not realise that this (for example, lack of rule 42 observance or policing) could be a significant factor regarding new members that leave the club after only one or two years membership.

How hard is it being a judge now sailing is becoming effectively a professional sport for the major events?

As top sail racers have become more professional, so have the judges and umpires. I like to think we’re all still in the same symbiotic relationship. However, in recent years, a problem has been the growth in numbers and influence of ‘support persons’ (from top coaches to ‘Mum & Dad’). Sailing has been a bit slow to embrace procedures and rules that are adaptable to the full range of events.

Were you involved in the 2012 London Olympics?

Yes, I was the British judge on the International Jury at the 2012 Paralympics. The first protest hearing I chaired was a measurement protest because a Skud 18 (an 18 foot keeled skiff) was identified as 80g overweight on the first day of racing!



International Judge, Peter Johnson, from the UK, shows the VHF channels that will be used on each course.
New Zealand
Feb 2016



Umpiring at the Wilson Trophy



Teaching at the African Optimist Championships, South Africa

Is it a full time job for you?

Judging and umpiring is not itself a full-time (unpaid) job, but there are significant times you are taking a 'holiday' in the UK or abroad at weekend or for full weeks.

What is more of an issue for me is that, in 2003 as a volunteer, I joined the RYA Racing Rules Committee and became its Chair in 2013. This committee, which meets in London 8 or 9 times a year, decides all protest hearing appeals, prepares the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), decides RYA prescriptions to the RRS, prepares the RYA Case Book, has prepared over 30 Racing Rule Guidances (look at the RYA website!), runs a Racing Rules Advisory Service and, finally, prepares submissions to World Sailing for proposed rule changes. This workload is highly variable but, on occasions, can exceed 40 hours/week!



The Jury Team
New York Yacht Club Invitational

As boat speeds get higher (with everything seemingly wanting to foil at the moment) is judging becoming harder? Or is there more dependency on technology?

Other than match and team racing, on the water judging is still quite rare and largely confined to elite events. I was recently a judge at the A Class Cat Worlds in Weymouth – and they shift. However, with the faster boats, it is much easier to predict where the difficult issues are going to occur, notably mark roundings when they get close to each other. So, positioning and movement of jury boats is crucial and I think most juries now have good experience of this.

Will we see VAR assisting the race judges at the America's Cup, Sail GP, and similar type events?

The America's Cup has used a judge in a cabin with video electronics and, before that, a judge in a helicopter (it was well fought over to be that judge!). This year, at the Olympics, there will also be a judge in a cabin scanning all the television coverage. This approach is going to be more helpful for protest hearings than fleet race umpiring – you can't have 2 minute 'VAR' delays on a on-the-water decision. I was recently at a World Championship and we gave an immediate decision on an incident at the windward mark – 1-2 minutes later, my fellow judge, who was behind me, said *'We made the right decision – I've just watched it on TV replay!'* I think it is going to be a long, long time before 'VAR' comes to Yeadon SC.



Protest Room in New Zealand

Are you involved as judge in the long distance races – America Cup? Clipper? Round the Island?

Essentially, no.

Does being a judge and working on the detail of the rules complement each other? If so how?

Yes, strongly. You learn best in the field (or, rather, on the water).

What determines changes to the rules – are these affected by the increasing professionalisation of the support / the amounts of money involved? (is this a little cynical?)

World Sailing determine the changes in the rules. They do so in response to their committees and submissions from National Authorities (e.g. the RYA). The rules are applied to all forms of sail racing worldwide and translated into over 150 languages, which explains some funny wording in places. There are fewer rule changes nowadays regarding the fundamental boat-on-boat rules, but more in the associated infrastructure which does reflect the changes in the types of sail racing and such issues as support persons. It is worth remembering that the only rules you need to know when fleet racing on the water are the so-called Part 2 rules (rules 10-24); that's a grand total of just six pages in the rule book (highlighted in light blue in the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing). The rest you can look up at leisure ashore. It is, however, useful to know a few of the Definitions, in total just three pages. Not a lot!



a tired Peter at the end of a day of judgement

I'm very grateful to Peter for the time and effort he put into answering the questions we sent him (thanks to Neil for the questions). I first emailed Peter as he was about to go on holiday, and somehow he found the time to reply and find the photos—all our thanks, Peter.

Stay Safe

See you soon

