

2024 BSIR Race Committee Boat Responsibilities

- Be prepared. Have the following items with you when you do Race Committee duty:
 - A working watch or other method to determine the finish times. It must be able to show hours, minutes and seconds.
 - A VHF radio. If it is a handheld type, make sure the batteries are fully charged.
 - A powerful flashlight with fresh batteries so you can see sail numbers at a distance.
 - A copy of the “Scratch Sheet.”
 - A copy of the most current “Starting Time Offset Spreadsheet.”
 - A copy of the “Course Descriptions.”
 - A couple of pens or pencils.
 - Someone to help you.
- The **Committee Boat** should arrive at the starting area at least 15 minutes before the “Base Starting time.”
- Gary or Ted will choose the course and advise the Committee Boat of the course.
- The Committee Boat does not need to place the yellow starting buoy. It will be pre-set based on the course selected by Gary or Ted
- Every few minutes the **Committee Boat** should announce the course number of tonight’s race and remind the racers to run the RaceQs app. on VHF channel “72.”
- Before the start, as boats check in on VHF channel “72”, the **Committee Boat** should acknowledge them and record on the “Scratch Sheet” the names and sail numbers of all boats that appear at the starting area. You should download the “Scratch Sheet” at sbccracing.org
- Gary or Ted will blow the horns. There are no racing flags.
- The **Committee Boat** should make a note on the “Scratch Sheet” indicating any boats that withdrew before starting or abandoned the race after starting.
- The **Committee Boat** should maintain an open VHF channel “72” during the entirety of the race. Answer questions regarding starting times, course selection and other questions that may come up. Acknowledge all communications with boats electing to withdraw or needing assistance.
- The **Committee Boat** should monitor a weather channel or other source of weather information and convey any threats of possible storms or warnings to the fleet on VHF channel “72.”
- The **Committee Boat** should note on the “Scratch Sheet” any situations that may need to be resolved post-race. An example would be if a protest is claimed by a racer against another racer(s). Identify the racer claiming a protest as well as the other parties involved.

- After all the boats have started, the **Committee Boat** must set up the finish line. To do this, pick up the yellow starting buoy and move it to set up the finish line. For the placement of this buoy see the chart below:

2024 Finish Line Buoy Placement Chart

<u>Course</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	75 feet north of buoy G “1”
2	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
3	75 feet east of buoy G “1”
4	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
5	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
6	75 feet north of buoy G “1”
7	75 feet east of buoy G “1”
8	75 feet north of buoy G “1”
9	75 feet south of buoy G “1”
10	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
11	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
12	75 feet north of buoy G “1”
13	75 feet north of buoy G “1”
14	75 feet west of buoy G “1”
15	75 feet west of buoy G “1”

- At the finish, as boats announce on VHF channel “72” they are crossing the line, the **Committee Boat** should acknowledge them and record on the “Scratch Sheet” the order of boats that are finishing including the sail number and if possible the finish time in hours, minutes and seconds.
- The **Committee Boat** should make certain that all boats are accounted for before leaving station. Record on the “Scratch Sheet” the names of any boats not accounted for.
- The **Committee Boat** must pick up the yellow finish buoy before leaving station and return it to Coastal Yachting Center, 41 Degnon Blvd, Bay Shore, NY 11706 before the next race. Leave the buoy under the gazebo. If the LED light in the plastic bottle is on, turn it off and place the light back into the bottle.
- The **Committee Boat** must email the completed “Scratch Sheet” to Ted Drossos and Gary Sebouhian at sailboatracing@gmail.com as soon as possible after the completion of the race (before midnight) so the results can be compiled and distributed to the fleet.
- Pat yourself on the back for a job well done. Come to Coastal Yachting Center, 41 Degnon Blvd., Bay Shore, NY 11706 for the after race BBQ.