

## RACE COMMITTEE

### RACE DAY OFFICIALS - JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- **Race Captain:** Oversees the LL race program. She ensures that all races are conducted according to the rules and safety guidelines of the US Racing Rules of Sailing for the current calendar year. She updates the Sailing Instructions (SI) and Notice of Race (NOR) as needed for the LL race series, the LL interclubs and LL hosted regattas. She also oversees the upkeep and storage of LL race committee equipment and gear. The Race Captain coordinates with the Fleet Captains and Education Chair regarding ongoing training needs and she submits an annual report to the Secretary prior to the annual meeting. She oversees and works closely with the individuals serving in the following roles:
  - **Signal Boat Coordinator (Crew Chief):** Serves as lead Luffing Lassie on the Signal Boat and ensures the Signal Boat is staffed with a full complement of volunteers each race day. In conjunction with the PRO, she assigns duties (flags, horns, check-in, etc.) and ensures proper race management procedure is followed onboard. She also provides on-the-job training to those new to signal boat duties. She keeps the Race Captain informed regarding the status of race committee equipment and gear.
  - **Starboard Studs/Stars Coordinator:** Ensures the Safety and Mark boats are fully staffed each race day by recruiting the PRO for signal boat and volunteers for safety and mark boats throughout the sailing season. Prepares a Starboard Stud/Star and schedule for each race series and works with SSS and LL Education Chairs to offer training on water safety and rescue. He or she also coordinates with SSS to ensure adequate power boat availability on race days. The coordinator also serves on Signal, Safety and Mark boats as needed.
  - **Statistician:** Serves as the records and scoring official of Luffing Lassies series races, inter-clubs and special regattas. She determines 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers at the end of each series, posts race results on a weekly basis and collaborates with

the fleet captains who assign sailors to the appropriate racing categories (ITS, Luffer, Salt, Super Salt).

- **Protest Official:** Coordinates, processes and determines the resolution of all protests. She holds protest hearings in a timely manner, prepares records of all protest facts and judgments rendered according to the current US Racing Rules of Sailing for the records of the Secretary.

### **STARBOARD STUD/STAR JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Starboard Studs and Starboard Stars are volunteers who support the Luffing Lassies' racing program. They are members of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) who have experience with power boats and water safety. They are required to participate in training specific to race committee topics offered through the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and the Luffing Lassies (LL). Starboard Studs and Starboard Stars serve in the following capacities:

- **Starboard Studs/Stars Coordinator** - Recruits PRO for signal boat and volunteers for safety and mark boats throughout the sailing season. Prepares a Starboard Stud/Star schedule for each race series and works with SSS and LL Education Chairs to offer training on water safety and rescue. He or she also coordinates with the SSS to ensure adequate power boat availability on race days. The Coordinator also serves on Safety and Mark boats as needed.
- **PRO** - Serves as Principal Race Officer and is responsible for the management of races. The PRO is the organizer, decision-maker and leader of the race committee team when on duty. He or she, in conjunction with others, determines whether conditions are favorable for racing or require postponement or cancellation. The PRO directs setting the course, manages starts and supervises all on-the-water activities during racing. The PRO has successfully completed training offered through the Sarasota Sailing Squadron and is certified as a club race officer.

- **Safety Boat Operator and Crew** - Serve as driver or crew of power boats equipped with safety and rescue equipment. They are stationed around the periphery of the race course and are responsible for monitoring races and assisting sailors who require help due to equipment failures, capsizes, injury or other issues that occur on the water. They notify the PRO of sailors experiencing problems on the course and may also assist with setting marks.
  
- **Mark Boat Operator and Crew** - Serve as driver or crew of power boats and are responsible for coordinating with the PRO to set racing marks before races and relocate marks during races (if necessary). Mark boats are equipped with flags, horns and white boards in the event they must conduct course adjustments. They check wind direction and speed for the PRO and sight the start and finish lines as needed. They are also equipped with safety and rescue equipment and serve as an additional safety boat.