



# MEMO

Date: 19 September 2013

To: Australian Race Officials

Copy: Jan Stage, ISAF Race Officials Committee Chairman; Jon Napier, ISAF Competitions Manager

From: Phil Jones

**RE: Regulatory non-compliance by clubs**

The safety of sailors and officials is Yachting Australia's highest priority. We know that Race Officials share this view, and accept the responsibilities that sit with it.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority and State maritime departments acknowledge our performance in delivering an ever improving safety regime that delivers on this priority. Insurance companies also rely on this effective self-regulation.

Along with sound risk management practices the Special Regulations provide a systematic approach to the safety and welfare of the sport's participants.

It has come to Yachting Australia's attention that several clubs have, either through ignorance, or for other reasons, not been applying the Special Regulations as prescribed in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

As a Race Official you will be aware of the responsibility that you carry to support the rules of the sport and see them properly applied, especially those related to the safety of the participants.

We ask Race Officials to execute their responsibility in helping clubs observe the Special Regulations and meeting their obligations to safety. When regulatory non-compliance comes to your attention, we ask you to address the matter.

We would direct you to not accept officiating roles at events that decline to comply with the Special Regulations, and instead seek the assistance from your state association in addressing the matter.

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Whilst Yachting Australia recognises the responsibility for addressing safety through race documents and how events are conducted typically lies with Race Officials, we offer whatever support is needed to ensure our priority and reputation for safety is upheld.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Jones', with a horizontal line underneath.

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