



Organizer Guidelines for Offshore Events

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Putting the Offshore



into Racing

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RYA Offshore Racing Group

- Responsible for:
 - offshore racing yachts
 - open keelboats
 - coastal and offshore multi-hulls
 - solo and short handed racing.
- Objectives (for the above categories of boats only):
 - Provide, at national level, administration, guidance and co-ordination.
 - Promote racing at all levels.
 - provide a link between the RYA and national government organisations, international sailing bodies and all other bodies interested in all forms of racing.

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Check list for offshore event organizers



Basic organisation

- **Target competitors**
 - Professional/Corinthian/Cruiser Racer/Club
 - Classification requirements
- **Target fleet**
 - Boat size range
 - Fully crewed/short handed
 - Classes
 - Handicap/One design
 - Number of boats



Basic organisation (2)

- **Event Clashes**
 - Collaboration with other clubs
 - Clashes at ports of call
 - Is there a local association that coordinates events and publishes a calendar, e.g. SCRA
- **Destination**
 - UK or overseas
 - Host Club/marina contacts

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Basic organisation (3)

- **Departure and Destination Facilities**

- Berthing
- Support facilities
- Contact details
- Host port accessibility at all states of the tide and in all weather
- Hazards associated with the host ports

- **Local regulations/byelaws**

- local regulations/byelaws applicable at the host ports.
- Customs and Immigration requirements at the host ports

Key Issues - Safety

- Special regulations categorization
- Seaworthiness / stability requirements
- Training requirements
- Boat and crew qualification requirements
- AIS
- Weather suitability for the event
- Inspection procedures
- Risk assessment
- Incident management plan
- Crew Briefing
- Limitation of Liability
- RRS and / or IRPCAS
- Outside assistance / Engines



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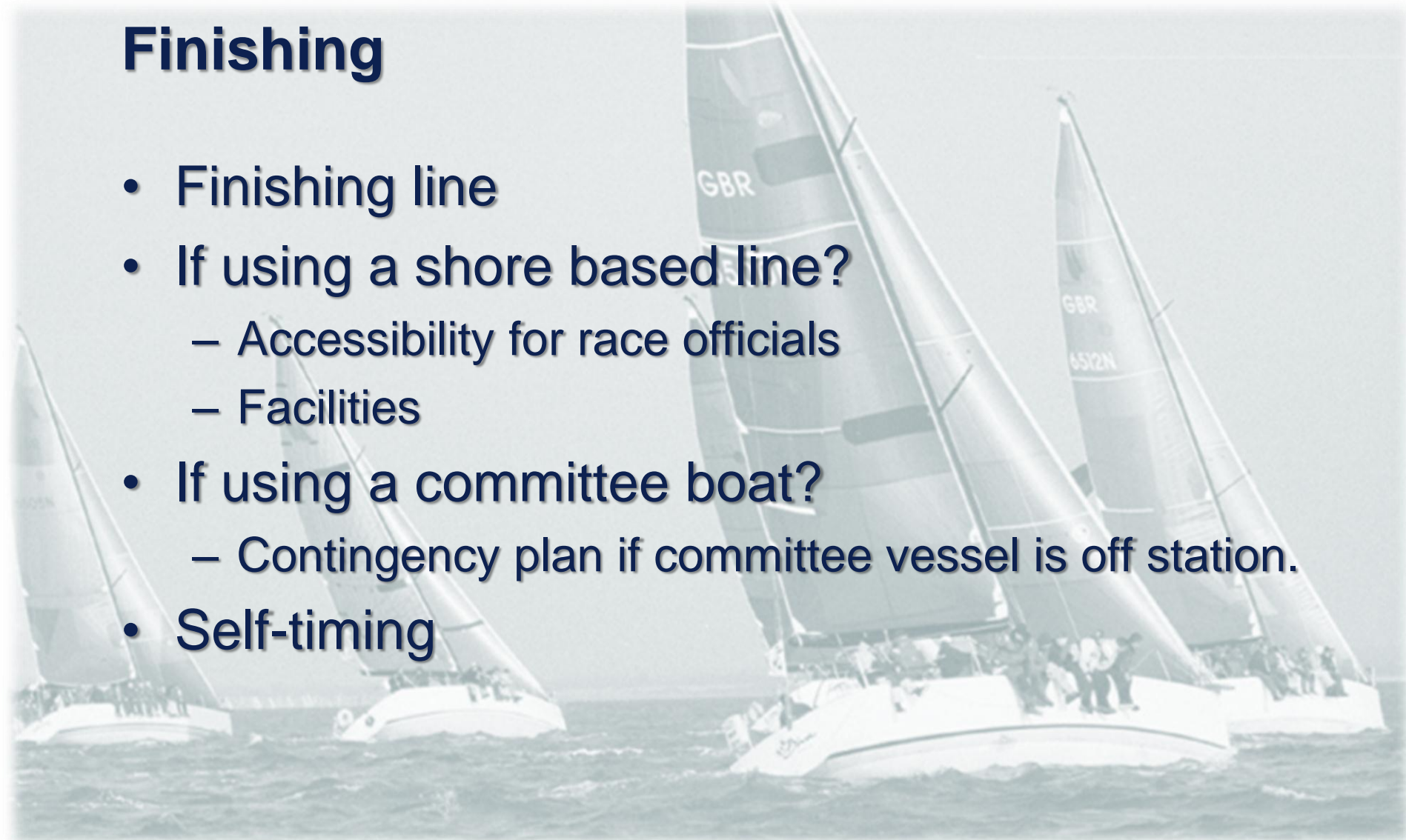
The Course

- Length/duration
- Hazards
- Ports of refuge
- Fairness issues
- Marks/waypoints
- Traffic Separation Schemes



Finishing

- Finishing line
- If using a shore based line?
 - Accessibility for race officials
 - Facilities
- If using a committee boat?
 - Contingency plan if committee vessel is off station.
- Self-timing



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Documentation

- Notice of Race
- Sailing Instructions
- Risk Assessment
- Incident Management Plan
- Entry Form
- Inspection checklist
- Crew Details
- Boat information

