



Standards for RRO and NRO Qualifications

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RRO and NRO Standards

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NRO Renewals Working Party

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Standards at Major Events

Aims

Meet sailors increasing requirements

Provide the best race management possible

Problem

Occasional complaints from events, classes and sailors

Unusual for this to be in writing

Regional Race Officer

Entry level

Run bread & butter racing

193 in UK

National Race Officer

Set the standard

Run major events

104 in UK

NRO Renewals Working Party

Examine current system for NRO renewals

- Define profile of a NRO
- Does current system deliver desired standards?
- Explore new systems for renewal
- Explore conference ideas / feedback
- Recommend to RMC

Terminology



- PRO In charge when there is more than 1 race course
- RO In charge of a race course or the only race course
- DRO Deputy Race Officer
- ARO Assistant Race Officer in charge of pin or finish
- RMT Part of the Race Management Team

Requirements of RRO

Capable of being in charge of racing

Run good club and small open meetings

Within their own ‘specialty’ or discipline

On their home water

With their club colleagues

Small boat numbers accepted without being ridiculous

Regatta or Long Series of 4 or more races

20 dinghies or 10 keelboats

Nationals/Worlds as RMT should count

RRO - Current Initial Appointment

Regional Seminar attendance

RRO exam pass

1 reference of an equal or more senior race officer

Events (over a 4 year period)

- 4 events as RO

or

- 3 events as RO + 1 event as RMT or above at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup

or

- 2 events + 2 events as ARO or above at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup

RRO - Current Renewals



Regional Seminar or Conference attendance

Events (over a 4 year period)

- 4 events as RO

or

- 3 events as RO + 1 event as RMT or above at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup

or

- 2 events + 2 events as ARO or above at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup

Acceptable System?



Requirements are low

Easy to achieve

Rare to refuse either initial or renewal

Any shortcomings?

Requirements of NRO

- Capable of being in charge of racing at any major event
- Run good Nationals and big open meetings whilst being competitor friendly
- Multiple ‘specialties’ or disciplines
- Any course configuration
- On any patch of water
- With anyone on the committee boat, known or unknown
- Work with other senior race officers
- Understand the roles of others in the team
- Understand & adopt best practice

Major events

Small boat numbers not accepted

Regatta of 5 races or more or

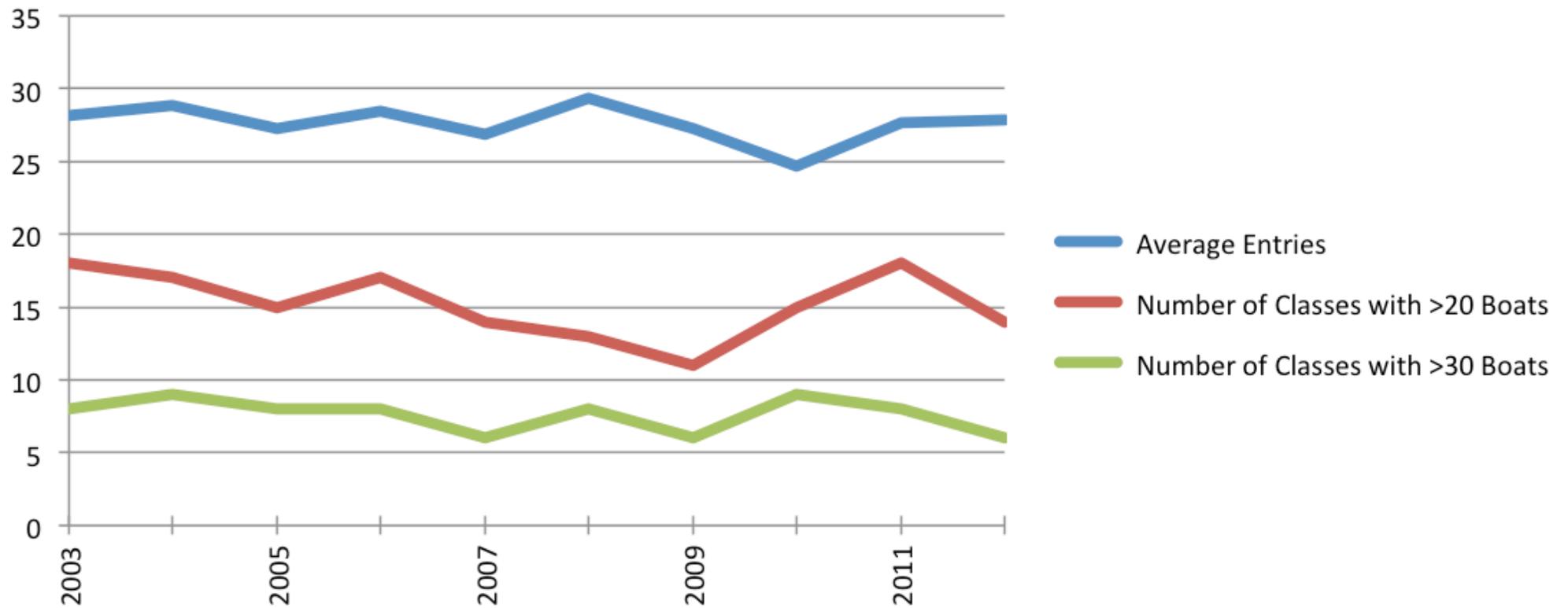
Long Series of 4 or more races

Numbers in line with current Nationals
>30 dinghies or >20 keelboats

Nationals/Worlds as DRO or ARO should count

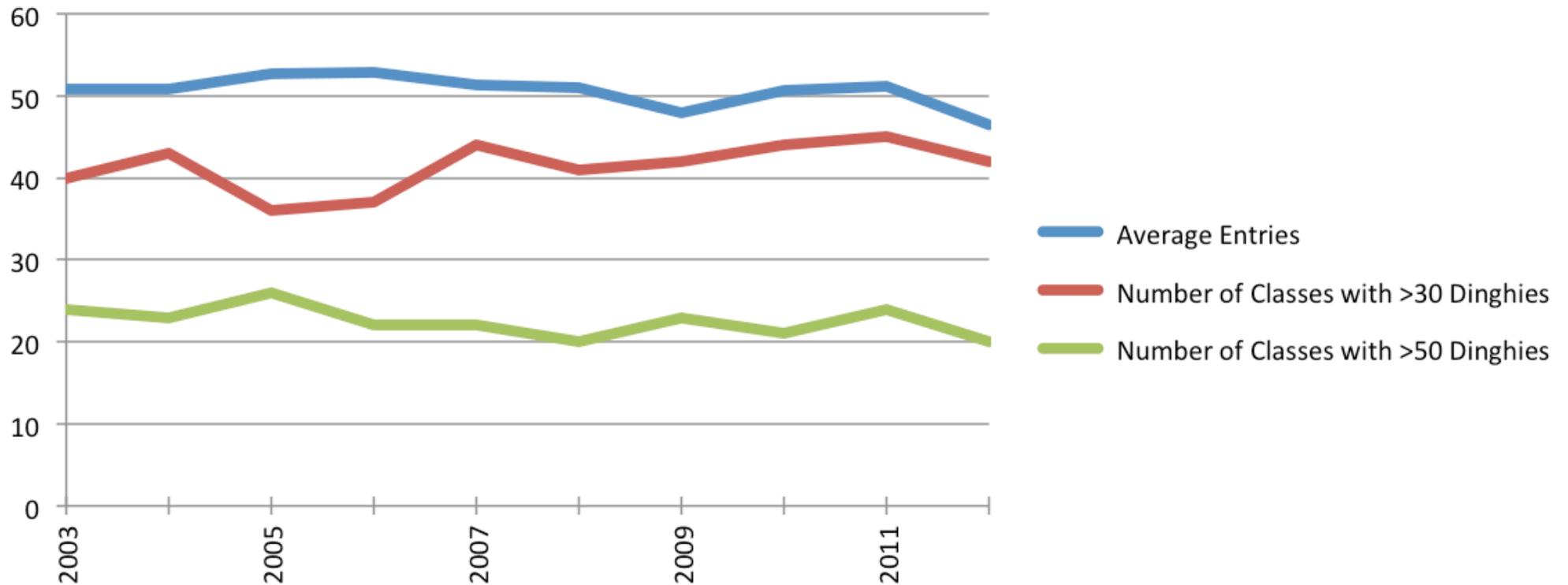
UK National Championships

Keelboats



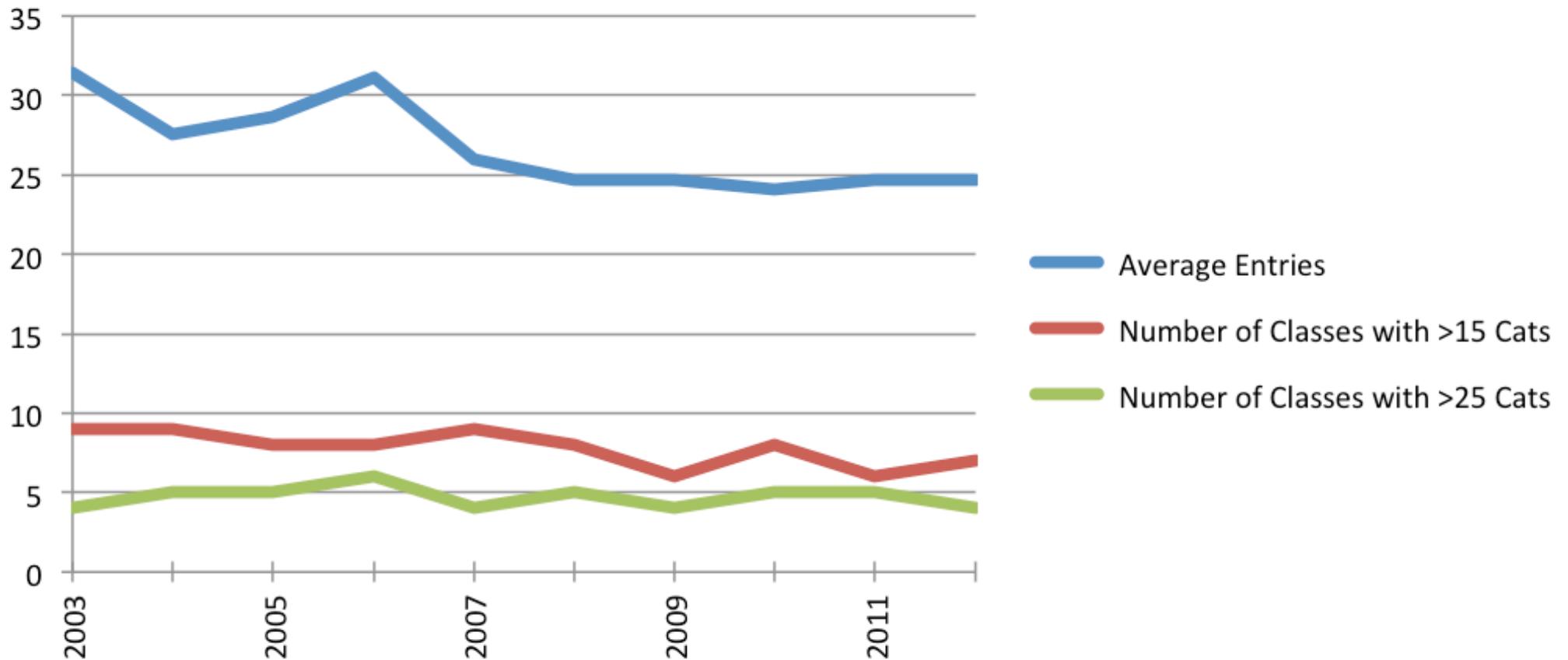
UK National Championships

Dinghies



UK National Championships

Catamarans



NRO - Current Initial Appointment

National Seminar attendance

NRO exam pass

2 references of an equal or more senior race officer

Events (over a 4 year period)

- 4 major events (>50 dinghies or >20 keelboats) as RO **or**
- 3 major events (as above) as RO + 2 events as ARO or above at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAAF Champions Cup **or**
- 2 major events (all as above) + 2 events as DRO at Nationals / Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAAF Champions Cup

NRO - Current Initial Appointment

Plus

2 or more events at sea

2 or more different areas of water

work with at least 2 senior race officers

work in at least 2 disciplines

use at least 2 course configurations

evidence of significant other activity

National Seminar or Conference attendance

Events (over a 4 year period)

- 2 Nationals or major events as RO + 2 others >30 dinghies or >15 keelboats
- or
- 3 events as RO + 2 event as ARO or above at Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup
- or
- 2 events + 2 events as DRO or above at Worlds / Sailing World Cup / EUROSAF Champions Cup

Acceptable System?



Any shortcomings as far as the race officer is concerned?

Does the renewal process maintain standards?

Proposed Solution for NRO Renewals

Points System 70 required

- An event is any Nationals/Worlds/Regatta Week or an Open/Club meeting with >30 dinghies or >20 keelboats. If an event is a regatta there must be 5 races or if it is a long series then 4 races is equivalent to 1 event.
- A course type is RTC, Passage, Trapezoid, W/L, or Sausage Triangle.
- A discipline is dinghy/catamarans/boards/kites/keelboats/yachts/model yachts/team racing/match racing.

Proposed Solution for NRO Renewals

Points System 70 required

	Points	Max Available
Number of Race Areas (Solent counts as 1) <i>in any capacity</i>		
Two or more in UK	5	10
Two or more when one is abroad	10	
Disciplines <i>in any capacity</i>		
Two	5	10
Three or more	10	
Events <i>when in charge of racing</i>		
Four to seven	10	20
Eight or more	20	
Events <i>when not in charge of racing</i>		
One to Four	5	10
Five or more	10	
Courses <i>in any capacity</i>		
Two	5	10
Three or more	10	

Proposed Solution for NRO Renewals

Points System 70 required

	Points	Max Available
Working with an IRO or another NRO in any capacity		
One other IRO or NRO	5	10
Two or more other IROs or NROs	10	
Mentoring must be on the committee boat		
Acting as a Mentor to a less experienced RO or being mentored by a more experienced RO	10	10
Current racing as a competitor (any size event)		
Four or more	10	10
Seminars and Conference		
One or more National seminar attendance	20	20
One or more National conference attendance	7	7
One or more Regional conference attendance	5	5

Proposed Solution for NRO Renewals

Points System 70 required

- An application that does not meet the required score will have the qualification extended by 12 months during which time help and advice will be offered to enable the qualification score to be achieved.
- Evidence of support (by letter or published on a class/event website) will be considered.
- Reviews (appeals) will be considered by a group consisting of the Qualifications Group chairman (non-voting) and all current Regional Race Management Co-ordinators.

Disadvantages



Complicated

More difficult to administer and assess

Events are more in line with numbers at major events in UK

Allows renewal when just one or two components are missing - flexible and accommodating

Allows a 12 month catch up

Reviewed by peer group

Maintains standards



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