

## **RYA GUIDANCE**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY AT EVENTS**

#### **Introduction**

- The availability, ease of use and low cost of taking video and still digital photos has made the use of video, digital and mobile phone originated media widespread at events managed, judged or umpired by RYA race officials.
- This document sets out the guidelines that RYA race officials should follow when considering taking and then using such media.

#### **The Professional Relationship**

- When invited to events as a race official, the primary purpose will be to act in the function required by the event organisers.
- The taking of still or video photographs must only be done at appropriate times and must not have the potential to affect the ability of a Race Official to focus appropriately on carrying out his/her primary role.
- It is recognised that the use of still and video images may support the role of the Race Official and that Race Officials may use photo and video images to illustrate incidents on the water when this is appropriate.

#### **Publishing of Still and Video Images**

- When considering the publication of still and/or video images, Race Officials must consider their professional responsibilities. Images should therefore only be published with the goal of enhancing the role of race officials or of racing in general.
- Particular caution should be taken when considering publishing images from youth and junior events (point 4 refers).

#### **Child Protection Issues**

- Race Officials must pay particular attention to the guidance given on page 12 of the RYA's Child Protection Guidance when considering taking still or video images at youth and junior events.