

Report from RCA Umpires Cttee Rep.

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The RCA Umpires Cttee consists of a representative from each region of Canada (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and British Colombia) as well as reps from RCA. The mandate of the RCA Umpires Cttee is to oversee the consistent implementation of the Rules of Racing, and to support the development of licensed umpires across the country. As well, the RCA UC is responsible to provide umpires to all sanctioned regional, national and international events.

Meetings take place twice per year, and there is on-going consultation by e-mail and conference calls.

2012 saw clarification to the process of selection of umpires for national and international regattas, and "levels" for licensing of umpires (Associate Umpire, Level 1, 2 ... etc). Each level represents the skills and experience required to undertake the role of Ass't Chief Umpire and Chief Umpire at national regattas.

The Rules of Racing were also reviewed in detail and there were several changes made at the 2011 AGM, including to the age of Masters.

The challenges that each region has vary widely - one of the challenges in the Atlantic region is our low numbers of licensed umpires which makes it challenging to have regional representation at national regattas.

- M. MacMullin, Atlantic Rep. January 2012