

# Australian Youth Championships

## Principal Race Officer - Volunteer Position Description

### Outline

Australian Sailing (AS) is the Organising Authority for the Australian Youth Championships.

This is the premier event for youth sailing in Australia, a selection event for Australia's sailors for the World Youth Championships and an exemplar for clubs and classes hosting major sailing events.

Australian youth sailors, their coaches and parents and Australian Sailing expect the very highest standards of event and race management for these championships.

### Approach

Australian Sailing select a club(s) to host the championships.

To ensure consistency and to develop club volunteer skills, Australian Sailing is creating two, fixed term positions for the roles of volunteer Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair.

These appointments will be for three years, commencing from 2018 with the championships being hosted by Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

The event objectives, approach and organisation structure will be the ongoing responsibility of the following three people; AS Event and Regatta manager, Principal Race Officer and Jury Chair. They report to the AS Commercial and Governess.

This appointment maybe considered for a role at the Victorian and NSW State Youth Championships.

AS shall appoint a selection panel consisting of AS Staff and Chair of National Racing Rules and Officials Committee.

### Responsibilities

**Important Note:** This is a leadership and mentoring position. The PRO will not be a Course Race Officer. Whilst not a Course RO, the role need not be limited to shore. The PRO may go onto the water during the regatta.

1. Develop the event objectives, approach and organisation structure as part of three person team. Review and prepare a report after each event.
2. Form and chair the Race Committee. Members will include nominees from the host club, and possibly, race officers seeking and/or contributing experience from other clubs.
3. In conjunction with the host club, form and train the race management team.

4. Deliver, via the race management team, a high quality, on-water event, following World and Australian Sailing race management policies.

## Operational Arrangements

The following operational arrangements will apply for this position:

1. The appointment will be for three championships commencing with the 2018 Youth Championships.
2. Australian Sailing will provide accommodation for the event. This may include billeting.
3. Australian Sailing will provide travel to/from the event.
4. The appointee shall receive provision of meals or by either direct reimbursement or an agreed per diem or honorarium generally not exceeding \$50 per day as per the [Officials Expense Reimbursement](#) - KRA Number SPO.12.2014.

## Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for this position are:

1. Demonstrated experience as the PRO at successful, major, sailing events within the past four years.
2. Demonstrated contribution to mentoring and training of race officials.
3. Demonstrated ability to work co-operatively with jury, equipment inspector, onshore volunteers and AS staff to deliver a quality event.
4. A detailed knowledge of the World and Australian Sailing Race Management policies.
5. A commitment to work with Australian Sailing to establish this championship as a premier event on the Australian Sailing calendar.

## Qualifications

The following qualifications are mandatory:

Certification as either an International Race Officer (IRO). AS would prefer an IRO but will consider National Race Officer (NRO).

## Application Process

1. To apply please provide a written email specifically outlining how knowledge, skills and attitude meet the selection criteria.
2. Interviews maybe conducted by face to face or Skype.
3. Applications close by the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
4. All application to be sent to Australian Sailing Event and Regatta Manager, [lesley.fasala@sailing.org.au](mailto:lesley.fasala@sailing.org.au)