

# **Melbourne Rowing Club Boat Race Official Policy September 2006**

## **Background**

Rowing Victoria requires that all clubs provide one Level 0/1 (Trainee) Boat Race Official (BRO) to assist at all regattas where more than 9 competitors are entered (in the case of MRC, this includes almost all RV-sanctioned regattas). In past seasons, these duties have fallen on the shoulders of only a few people, and the MRC committee has now decided to split the responsibility amongst all active competitors.

## **Process**

All active competitors must be willing and able to act as the club's BRO at least once a year. Prior to each regatta season, the club Secretary or BRO coordinator will prepare a regatta schedule with one competitor assigned as the BRO for each RV-sanctioned regatta at which the club is likely to compete. Allocations will be selected randomly from a list of active competitors from the previous year. Members who fill other major voluntary roles at the club may be excluded from the list, subject to the discretion of the BRO coordinator. Note that since the number of competitors far exceeds the number of regattas, many competitors will not be required to act as a BRO in a given season.

## **Requirements**

If you are assigned as a BRO for a regatta it is your responsibility to contact the BRO coordinator at least 2 weeks before the regatta and confirm your intent to do one of the following:

1. Complete the on-line Level 0/1 BRO assessment/qualification and act as the club's BRO for the regatta (note that the on-line qualification must be completed at least one week before the date of the regatta); or
2. Find another individual to act as the BRO for the regatta in question (this person must also be qualified via the on-line system).

If the nominated BRO does not appear at the regatta, MRC will be fined \$150 by RV. This fine will be passed on to the originally allocated competitor. Note that if the club fails to provide a BRO for a second regatta, a fine of \$500 will be imposed, and the club can be suspended from competition.

## **Qualification**

On-line qualification can be completed on the RV website ([www.rowingvictoria.asn.au](http://www.rowingvictoria.asn.au)), under 'Education and Training'. There are four modules to be completed, each of which requires reading a few pages of material and then answering a series of questions. Upon completion, you will be contacted by Rowing Victoria. Questions about the process can be directed the Rowing Victoria office ([admin@rowingvictoria.asn.au](mailto:admin@rowingvictoria.asn.au)) or phone (03) 9820 6374.