

**International Race Officials Administration**

**International Umpire - Regulation 31.12.1(b)**

A submission from the Chairman of Race Officials Committee

**Purpose or Objective**

To clarify that candidates for appointment as International Umpire must have consistently demonstrated the required qualifications.

**Proposal**

31.12.1 A candidate for first appointment and re-appointment as an International Umpire shall:

(b) have **consistently demonstrated** the following qualifications:

- (i) be able to apply the relevant rules and make correct decisions within a few seconds under pressure;
- (ii) anticipation skills based on an understanding of how boats manoeuvre in match and /or team racing;
- (iii) be able to drive and position small powerboats; and
- (iv) be fit and able to withstand several consecutive days on the water in small powerboats;

**Current Position**

As above.

**Reasons**

1. Some IU candidates mistakenly believe that if they in a single event demonstrate the required performance, they should be appointed as IUs. A good IU must be able to perform at the required level each time he/she is at an event. Otherwise, the competitors will suffer from incorrect umpire calls.
  2. The purpose of this submission is to clarify that the required level must be consistently demonstrated.
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