

## **Match Racing Rules Working Party Report to Racing Rules Committee November 2018**

The working party lost Marianne Middlethon in 2018. Marianne has been the key driver behind the management of match racing rules for a long time. This was an obvious blow to the working party but the group has worked hard to overcome the loss.

### **Structure**

Previously the working party was split between a group who looked at the Match Racing Rules and a group that managed the rapid response process. This year the groups were combined so all members worked on the rapid responses as well as considered changes to the match racing rules. From my perspective, this change is working well.

The working party has also adopted the use of an app called Trello to manage both the rapid responses and rules submissions. This is used by the Q&A panel and seems to be an improved method of managing multi person communication from around the world and in different time zones.

### **Rapid Response Calls**

The working party published 4 Rapid Response Calls and re-published one call in 2018 (up to end of September). These calls took longer than the 4 weeks set to publish them and the working party has instigated changes in order to speed up the process.

### **Match Racing Rules**

The Chairman of the RRC made ten submissions on behalf of the Match Racing Rules Working Party. Many of these were to incorporate standard sailing instructions into Appendix C.

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