

## **1 The Grid**

- 1.1.1 The Grid proved to be very useful at the finish in 2015. It is suggested that it may be useful also to the convoy manager and maybe at the start as well.
- 1.1.2 The Grid has three sections (their use depends on the location of the job being done)
  - a. The top section of three Lines of nine boxes gives room to write the numbers of crews involved in 13 races.
  - b. The second section ( Races Paired Up) has room for 14 races.
  - c. The third section (sequence) also has room for 14 races.

### **1.2 Use of the Grid At the Finish**

- 1.2.1 When the crews pass the finish on the way up to the start, write the crew numbers in the boxes in the first section. Preferably, write them in race pairs, but this is not essential.
- 1.2.2 Transfer pairs of crews to the second section, to form races. These need not be in race order, though it helps if they are. In 2015 it was found that two or three people could do this job quickly:
  - a. The scribe finds crews with close numbers which probably form a race.
  - b. The second person confirms the race number and the page number.
  - c. Club names are added.
  - d. The entries in the top section are marked to show that they have been dealt with.
- 1.2.3 When the race is announced from the start, immediately add the race number in sequence to the third section and when convenient transfer race information from the second to the third section.
- 1.2.4 N.B. The starter's assistant may need to be reminded to announce the race when it is about to start, giving race number crew numbers club names and event name. This reminder has to be reissued when the shift changes.
- 1.2.5 When the race approaches the finish, write the number of the crew that is likely to win in the winner column. Don't leave this job until later when another race may be approaching on the heels of the first one.
- 1.2.6 When you have decided the verdict, write it in the verdict box immediately, before publishing a result.
- 1.2.7 Radio the result of to race control; simply say " result race 22, open novice eights, crew 34 Avon beat Crew 36 Monkton by 2 ½ lengths." This message will be picked up by the commentator.
- 1.2.8 The assistant uses the data on the grid to update the regatta program and other race documentation.

### **1.3 Use of the Grid at the Crew Collection Pen (Provisional Advice)**

- 1.3.1 Write the numbers of the races you are expecting in the second section.
- 1.3.2 When crews find their way into the pen add their numbers to the races. You could use the top section to put unpaired crew numbers temporarily.
- 1.3.3 You can fit two batches per sheet by using the bottom section for the second batch.

### **1.4 Use of the Grid at the Start**

- 1.4.1 Either: follow a similar routine to that used at the finish
- 1.4.2 Or (Not tried in 2015) the finish could dictate the essentials of the grid data – just the race numbers and the crew numbers. This could be useful to all officials down the course. This job is probably best done by the finish rather than the convoy manager, but it might be worth trying either way if those who work at the start think it might be useful.