

MRSA Race Gear Guidelines and RC Lead Responsibilities

Introduction

The information provided here are intended to assist the RC leader and his/her crew with the MRSA Racing Gear use and assurance that the gear will be ready for the following RC. If there are any suggestions and/or corrections, please provide them to the MRSA Race Gear Chairperson. There are three forms that you need to be aware of that you will use and complete. Copies of these forms are in the RC Handbook:

1. MRSA Race Gear Checklist: Complete list of MRSA Race Gear
2. RC Race Gear Checklist: Shorter MRSA Race Gear Checklist for transfer of gear to next RC Lead
3. RC Race Gear Report: RC Report Form that identifies any problems with the race gear, additional perishable equipment needed and any additional comments.

RC Responsibilities & Suggestions

Pre Race

The RC Lead is responsible for the following:

1. Making arrangements for obtaining the racing gear from the previous race's RC or the MRSA Gear Chairperson
2. Assuring that all gear has been provided from the previous races RC. Refer to the MRSA Gear Checklist.
3. Identifying any additional gear needed for the next race to the MRSA Gear Chairperson at least three day prior to the race. Refer to the MRSA Gear Checklist for those items notes as potentially needed to be replenished (e.g. shotgun shells) and the prior RC's Race Gear Report.
4. Make sure that the shot gun is clean and operating correctly prior to use (you do not need to shot the shot gun, just assure that the shells are loadable and removable. Do this in a safe area!). If there are any questions and/or concerns, let the MRSA Gear Chairperson know.
5. Make sure there is at least 2 boxes of shot gun shells.
6. Checking the prior Race Gear Report (see attached) and check with MRSA Gear Chairperson if necessary.

Before the Race on Race Day

1. Prior to starting the race, identify someone as the Lead Gear Person for the race who is responsible for all of the gear and assuring all of the gear is accountable after the race. This includes assuring that all of the gear is available and working correctly, and that all flags are in the brochette pockets. Use the Gear Checklist.
2. Work with the Lead Gear Person to determine who on the crew will be using what equipment (shot gun, flags, etc.)
3. Check the shot gun and determine who will use it during the race and that the person knows how to use the shotgun (see "Shot Gun Instructions")

During the Race

1. Use all gear in accordance with the RC instructions

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2. Watch Shotgun shells, they are hot when ejected from the shotgun and can damage the boat deck.
3. Avoid dropping gear overboard ☺.

Immediately After the Race on Race Day

1. Have the Gear Person collect all gear, place flags in brochette pockets, fold/roll all used flags not on poles and put into bags, etc. I.e., assure all gear is back in its bags, etc.
2. Identify any equipment that has been damaged, lost and/or needs replacement. Enter list on Race Gear Report to give to MRSA Gear Chairperson and review with next RC Lead.
3. Identify any consumables (shot gun shells, etc.) on MRSA Gear Check List that needs to be replaced. Add to list of damaged equipment, etc. on Race Gear Report for MRSA Gear Chairperson.
4. Add any other concerns, etc. with equipment to the Race Gear Report.
5. Place Results in plastic bag (12in x12in)and give to scorer collecting results (may be on water right after race). A back-up option is to fax results to Bob Seay at 410-647-5899.

Within Two Days After the Race

1. Arranging to meet with the next RC Lead to arrange a transfer Four days prior to the next race.
2. Assure that all equipment is provided to the next RC Lead.
3. Review equipment and any perishables needing replacement with next RC Lead.
4. Provide the RC Race Gear Report to the MRSA Race Gear Chairperson (hardcopy or email).
5. Do anything else that comes to mind ☺.