



## Tally Team- Role and duties

*The tally team has two main functions.*

*Primarily the team is concerned with the safety of competitors when they leave the shore, in conjunction with the race box officials and the on course officials while they are racing, until they return to the shore at the end of the event.*

*Secondly the team has an important PR function as ambassadors for HISC since during the event they will meet every competitor and many of the support crews and visitors to the club.*

The Tally Team (TT) must ensure that the Race Team have an accurate list of all the competitors who have left the beach and made their way to the race area and then to ensure that all the competitors have safely returned to the beach after racing. The TT are expected to be on duty from the time the safety briefing takes place until all the boats have returned safely to the shore and all the sailors are accounted for.

Members undertaking this duty must be prepared to be outside, whatever the weather, must be available the whole time that the racing is taking place and should be prepared to be on duty until all the competitors are safely ashore after racing. They must also be able to help move boat trollies.

Occasionally, some members of the TT may be asked to help with registration.

The TT will receive a full lists of all the names of the helms, and crew for two handed boats, which will include the tally number that has been allocated to them, the sail number of the boat and when there are different classes taking part, the class of boat they are sailing. The TT will be given two lists; one in sail number order and one in tally number order. Before handing out a tally band (TB) the TT must ensure that all the numbers on the TBs are clearly written.

Before a boat launches, every helm and crew must collect a TB from the tally station, which ideally will be situated as close to the launching area as possible. The TBs are kept on numbered hooks on a board. The TT will check against the list that the correct TB is being handed out and that the sail number on the list is correct and the names of the helm and the crew, for two handed boats, are correct. The helm and crew will have the same tally number but the bands will be different colours. The TT must decide at the start of the event, which colour will be used for the helm every day. Sometimes competitors use different sails from the ones they registered for the event so it is

important to make sure the sail number is correct. The TB must be worn by each competitor in accordance with the sailing instructions for the event.

Whilst the TBs are being handed out, other members of the TT will be on the beach listing the sail numbers of the boats about to launch. This is done in case a competitor forgets to collect their TB so the TT can confirm whether that boat has been seen leaving the beach.

As soon as all the boats have left the beach, the TT will report to the Race Box and confirm how many boats have taken TBs and any boats that have been seen leaving the beach and forgotten to collect their TB. This information is then relayed to the race team on the water.

When all the boats are on the water there is little else to do unless any boats retire and return to the shore or there is a medical emergency and a sailor is brought back to the club. This may involve meeting the casualty when they are brought back to the club or finding their trolley if their boat is towed in. All the dinghy trollies will be clearly labelled with the tally number, the boat's class and sail number.

When racing is completed and the boats return to the beach, the TBs must be collected from each sailor as quickly as possible. This may involve walking along the beach as the boats come ashore and collecting the TBs and returning them to the tally board as quickly as possible. The safety team will remain on the water until all the TBs have been returned and the TT can confirm that all sailors are safely ashore.

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