

National Race Officer Training Programme Report

Course Overview

World Sailing officially launched the National Race Officer Training Programme (NROTP) in January 2025.

Designed to teach the essential details of race management through accessible, online and in person courses, the NROTP offers a pathway of education for MNAs without the resources or expertise to run their own training. The program aims to broaden and upskill MNAs base of volunteers involved in officiating at club and national level events, enabling MNAs to deliver higher-quality racing experiences for sailors.

The NROTP is created with an aim to accelerate the growth of national-level officials across more regions, laying the groundwork for a more diverse, globally representative, and equitable group of race officers who can progress into the international officiating pathway.

Structure of the Programme

The National Race Officer Training Program offers 3 levels of courses progressing from introductory level up to national level education.

- Fundamentals of Race Management Course - Online
- Level 1 - Club Race Officer Course – In Person
- Level 2 - National Race Officer Course – In Person Level 2

Fundamentals of Race Management Course

Available on the World Sailing Academy E – Learning platform, the Fundamentals of Race management course is an *online and self- guided course* introduces the people and equipment needed to conduct a sailing competition focusing on the basic rules of race management.

Level 1 – Club Race Officer Course

The first in-person course, following on from the fundamentals course, this course expands on the basic mechanics of race management, including topics of course design for multiple-classes, Start line variations, scoring, protests and redress against the Race Committee. Practical discussion and demonstrations of techniques for mark layers and signal boat crew.

The course is concluded with an online assessment required to pass to be awarded the World Sailing Club Race Officer certification.

Level 2 – National Race Officer Course

An advancement from the Level 1 course, this 3-day in-person course introduces the specific skills and mechanics of race management for competitive classes, exploring events for large fleets and managing racecourses with multiple fleets.

The course is concluded with an online assessment required to pass to be awarded the World Sailing National Race Officer certification.

This course is only available for participants who have attended or passed the Fundamental and Level 1 course.

2025 Activity Report

Fundamental of Race Management

The Fundamentals of Race Management Course launched with the unveiling of the World Sailing E-learning platform. World Sailing Academy, in March 2025. The course remains available for anyone to access and complete throughout the year, and is recognised as a pre-requisite requirement for any MNA participants attending an in-person level 1 or level 2 course.

Since it's launch, the course has been accessed by 637 participants with 49% percentage successfully passing the test and completing the course.

The Fundamentals course is currently available in English, French and Spanish.

Application Process

The NROTP application process was launched in January 2025, inviting MNAs to apply to host either a Level 1 Club Race Officer Course or a Level 2 National Race Officer Course. A total of 25 applications were received, representing interest from over 20 Member National Authorities (MNAs).

14 MNAs were selected to host courses, 10 Level 1 Club Race Officer and 4 Level 2 National Race Officer. The 14 selected hosts included 4 courses in Africa, 2 in Europe, 2 in Asia, 3 in North America (including the Caribbean), and 3 in South America.



Level 1 – Club Race Officer Course

Level 1 courses have been held in Egypt, Slovakia, Algeria, Morocco, Belize, Latvia and Jordan, with course scheduled to be held in the remainder of the year in Senegal and Peru.

Languages Delivered: English, Spanish, French and Arabic

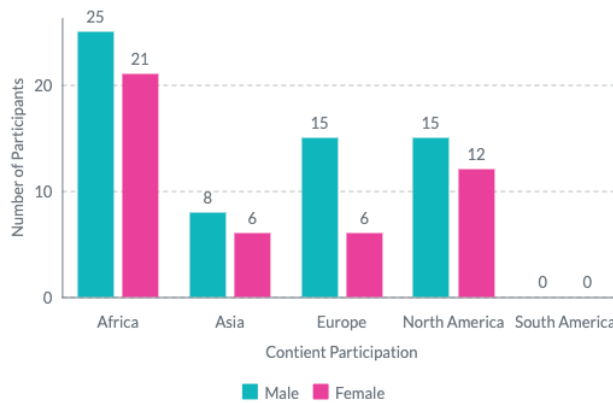


Participation Figures

- 108 attendees to date
- 43% female participation
- 43% participation from Africa, estimated to reach 51%

- Of 108 participants to attend Level 1 to date, 63 have proceeded to pass the Level 1 exam and obtained World Sailing Club Race officer status. Another 45 participants are still in the process of completing the final exam.

Attendance by Continent and Gender - Level 1



Africa 43% - Asia 13% - Europe 19% - North America 25%

Feedback from Participants

Participants appreciated the course provided valuable, hands-on learning, expanding their knowledge of the rules and learning how to apply them in a practical setting.

“I liked how the course helped me understand the responsibilities of the race committee and how to apply the Racing Rules of Sailing.”

“The course was a valuable learning experience, with clear explanations and practical focus. I look forward to applying what I learned in real race situations.”

“Two weeks after attending this course I was assisting in an international regatta and was able execute what I had learnt.”

Confidence Level: Average self-reported confidence in applying skills was 4/5.

Overall Satisfaction: 58% of participants rated the course 5/5, indicating generally high satisfaction

Level 2 – National Race Officer Course

Level 2 courses have been held in Hong Kong and Uruguay, with course scheduled to be held in the remainder of the year in Dominican Republic and Colombia.

Languages: English and Spanish

- 26 attendees
- 31% female participation

- Of 26 participants attended to date, 17 have proceeded to pass the level 2 exam and obtain their World Sailing National Race officer status. Another 9 are still in the process of completing the final exams.



Feedback from Participants

Participants appreciated the advanced course material, which built on their existing knowledge, and valued the opportunity to discuss real-life experiences and examples, finding these discussions both engaging and highly informative.

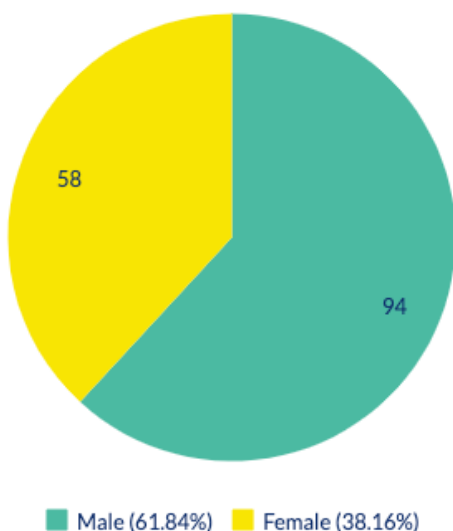
Confidence Level: 80% of participants reported maximum confidence (5/5) in applying the skills learned to real race officer duties.

Overall Satisfaction: 80% of participants rated the course 5/5, indicating very high satisfaction.

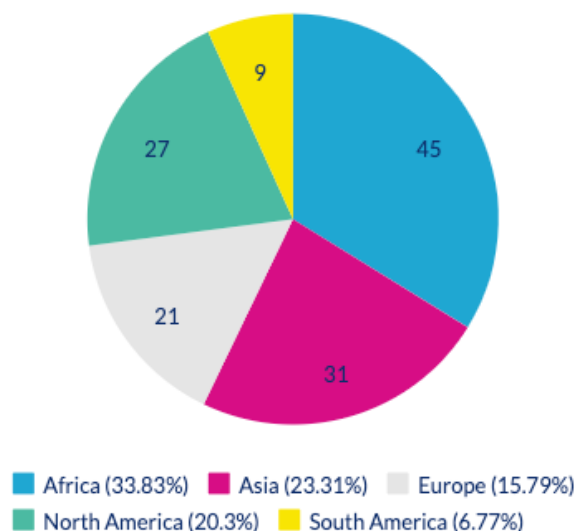
4. Overall Program Impact

Combined across Level 1 and Level 2 courses, the National Race Officer Training Programme has delivered in-person race officer education to 134 participants, with a gender distribution of 60% male and 40% female. Current continental representation is: Africa 34%, Asia 23%, Europe 16%, North America (including the Caribbean) 20%, and South America 7%.

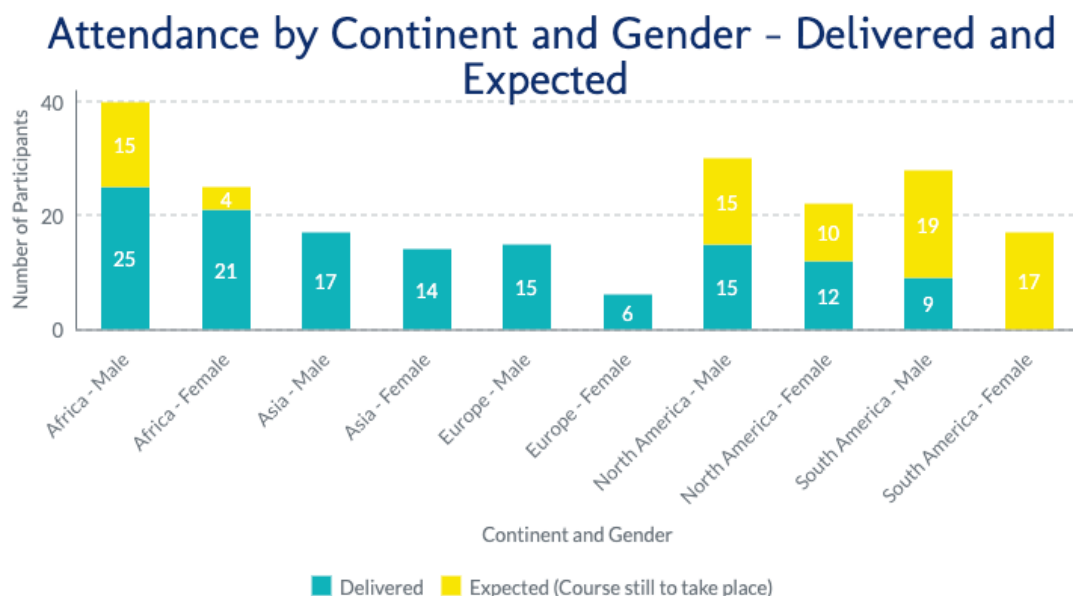
Appointments by Gender



Attendance by Continents



With 4 courses remaining, the NROTP is on track to reach over 200 participants across 14 MNAs in 2025, with final continental representation figures estimated as follows Africa 40%, Asia 15%, Europe 16%, North America (including the Caribbean) 30%, and South America 28%.



Delivery of the National Race Officer Training Program (NROTP) in 2025 is set to have provide introductory education to 120 participants representing 9 Member National Authorities (MNAs) that currently do not have a recognised International Race Officer. Only 6 International Race Officer represent the 14 MNAs where courses were conducted this year.

This initiative underscores the program’s commitment to broadening access to race management education, fostering development across a wider and more diverse range of nations. The NROTP continues to play a key role in strengthening the global foundation for race management excellence.

Feedback from MNAs

“The National Race Officer training has provided us with a better understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing for our local regattas' preparation and execution.”

“This course offered a great opportunity to improve our understanding of race management and will greatly contribute to the growth of sailing in Africa.”

Overall Satisfaction: All MNAs rated the course 4/5 or above, indicating very high satisfaction.



5. Ambition for 2026

Looking ahead, the program aims to build on this success by expanding the Level 1 course into Level 2 offerings and creating opportunities for new MNAs to host Level 1 courses. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring greater coverage within Oceania, acknowledging there was no course held in the region during 2025.

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