

QMSC - Recording Race Results – BEST PRACTICE

GOAL

To set out a standard method for recording race results at QMSC which provides data in the easiest format for the Sailing Secretary to use when entering results into Sailwave.

TOOLS

- At least two countdown/count-up sailing watches, synchronized, AND/OR one or more watches or clocks showing actual time of day, including seconds. (Radio clocks showing seconds may be borrowed from the office.)
- Race recording sheets (with waterproof covers) and pencils.
- Dictaphone (to be used as back-up for paper recording).

A. TIMING

General Principle

Finishing times are required for all boats in all fleets other than the ILCA fleet on Sundays. For the ILCA fleet on a Sunday you only need to record the time of the first and last finishers.

Different people use different methods but the two methods described below are the most common and the easiest for the Sailing Secretary to work with when entering the results into Sailwave. Please note on the results sheets, and/or tell Sailing Secretary when submitting the results, which method you have used, including any variations.

With both methods, aim to start (and where applicable restart) races on a full minute (e.g. on a Sunday at 10.30:00 and 10.35:00 precisely and not at 10.30:19 etc.).

Actual Time Method

Record the exact start time (actual time of day) of each race. (Note: On Wednesday evenings, where we have a single race, but two starts, record the exact start time of each separate fleet (General Handicap and ILCAs)).

For all boats requiring a finishing time, record the exact finishing time in minutes and seconds.

Elapsed Time Method

If using a countdown/count-up watch, you still need to record the exact start time (actual time of day) of each race. (Note: On Wednesday evenings, where we have a single race, but two starts, record the exact start time of each separate fleet (General Handicap and ILCAs)).

It is recommended that you set your countdown/count-up watch so that it shows 00.00 at the time of the first **handicap** start (e.g. 10.35 on a Sunday or 19.00 on a Wednesday evening). At the finish, record the elapsed time, in minutes and seconds for each boat requiring a finishing time. (For Wednesday evenings, Sailing Secretary will adjust for the fact that the ILCAs started later than the General Handicap fleet.)

If there is a general recall of the ILCA start, DO NOT stop or adjust your countdown/count-up watches as they will continue to record the handicap fleet elapsed times correctly. You simply need to record the new ILCA start time.

B. LAP RECORDING

Sunday and Wednesday Evening Series Racing

(Note: The examples shown below are for a Sunday Series race)

LAP 1

Record the class and sail number of each boat in the order of rounding the leeward mark at the end of the lap.

For ILCAs it is generally sufficient to record the last four (NOT three or two) digits of the sail number. (In the unlikely event that there are two boats entered in the series with the same last four digits, (e.g. 201234 and 211234) the QM Club office will advise the RO team of this.)


Race Officer:	Training 1	Assistant Race Officer:	Training 2
Race No:	2	Date:	[] 2023
Sheet No:	1	Start Time:	11:30:00
		Last Finish Time:	

LAP ROUNDING RECORD (Sail Numbers)							Finish Times		
Fleet / Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	Hrs	Mins	Secs
ILCAs - Untimed									
	9263								
	9973								
	9265								
	9009								
	16651								
	6891								
	8270								
Fast WW/LW - Timed									
	RS400 1286								
	RS200 1521								
	RS700 1041								
Fast Handicap - Timed									
	Flying 15 3630								
	Tasar 2935								
Slow Handicap - Timed									
	RS Feva 7056								
	Topper 48901								
	Topper 48898								

On a Sunday, ideally record boats in their respective fleets (ILCA, Fast Windward/Leeward, Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap) as shown above. If you are not sure which fleet a boat is sailing in, the Sailing Secretary has entry information and can correct if necessary when entering up the results. On a Wednesday Evening, just record all boats as a single fleet.

LAP 2 onwards

For the second and subsequent laps, record the sail number of each boat, again in the order of rounding the leeward mark – see example below. You do not need to re-state the class.

Race Officer:	Training 1	Assistant Race Officer:		Training 2					
Race No:	2	Date:		[] 2023					
Sheet No:	1	Start Time:		11:30:00		Last Finish Time:			
									
LAP ROUNDING RECORD (Sail Numbers)						Finish Times			
Fleet / Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	Hrs	Mins	Secs
ILCAs - Untimed									
	9263	9265	9973						
	9973	9973	9265						
	9265	9263	9263						
	9009	16651	6891						
	16651	6891	9009						
	6891	9009	16651						
	8270	8270	8270						
Fast WW/LW - Timed									
RS400	1286	1286	1041						
RS200	1521	1041	1286						
RS700	1041	1521	1521						
Fast Handicap - Timed									
Flying 15	3630	3630	3630						
Tasar	2935	2935	2935						
Slow Handicap - Timed									
RS Feva	7056	7056							
Topper	48901	48901							
Topper	48898	48898							

FINISH

At the finish, record the sail number of each boat in the order of crossing the finishing line. On a Wednesday evening, record the finishing time (elapsed or actual) for all boats in the last column of the results sheet against its sail number. On a Sunday, record the finishing time (elapsed or actual) for all handicap boats PLUS the first and last ILCA.

Race Officer:	Training 1			Assistant Race Officer:	Training 2				
Race No:	2			Date:	[] 2023				
Sheet No:	1			Start Time:	11:30:00		Last Finish Time:	12:13:00	
LAP ROUNDING RECORD (Sail Numbers)						Finish Times			
Fleet / Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	Hrs	Mins	Secs
ILCAs - Untimed									
	9263	9265	9973	9973				37	10
	9973	9973	9265	9265					
	9265	9263	9263	9263					
	9009	16651	6891	9009					
	16651	6891	9009	6891					
	6891	9009	16651	16651					
	8270	8270	8270	8279				43	00
Fast WW/LW - Timed									
RS400	1286	1286	1041	1041				36	43
RS200	1521	1041	1286	1286				37	08
RS700	1041	1521	1521	1521				38	08
Fast Handicap - Timed									
Flying 15	3630	3630	3630	3630				39	52
Tasar	2935	2935	2935	2935				40	41
Slow Handicap - Timed									
RS Feva	7056	7056	7056					41	35
Topper	48901	48901	48898					42	52
Topper	48898	48898	48901					44	10