

ILCA Australia Announce Appointment of a New Principal Race Officer

ILCA Australia is pleased to announce the appointment of Colin Dods as its new Principal Race Officer. Colin will officiate at future ILCA Australian Championships.

Col Dods Biography

Col commenced his sailing life at McCrae Yacht Club in Victoria in Northbridge Juniors in the late 1970's before graduating to 420's then transitioning to catamarans; racing Mosquitos and Taipans before moving back to monohulls – competing in the B14 worlds at Lake Garda, Italy before long-term injury struck in 2016.

Since then Col, an accredited National Race Officer and member of the Race Officials Victoria Committee, has been a Race Officer or Principal Race Officer in more than 30 major regattas ranging from local events like the Sail Country, Ronstan Regatta and Sail Bellarine to State Championships (15), Nationals (5) and Worlds/International events. Recently, Col was the guest Course Race Officer for the 2022 Australian ILCA Masters at Westernport Yacht Club.

Col is focussed on supporting sailing clubs seeking to develop their race management capability. Having done two stints as Club Captain at McCrae, he is sought after for his knowledgeable and friendly style and he has a reputation for delivering practical skills to aspiring Club Race Officers and sound advice to clubs upgrading fleets and infrastructure.

Col is passionate about providing the best race and regatta experience for sailors. His philosophy is that the racing must not only be safe, fair and fun, but that it is run professionally and in friendly collaboration with athletes, association organising committees and host clubs.

Col's first event as PRO will be the 2024 Australian Open & Youth Championship at Adelaide Sailing Club.

