

CORA Drafting Recommendations

Following the Board's engagement with CORA membership in January, 2016 through a discussion period and subsequent online survey, no clear mandate was given to the Board to create regulations to govern drafting practices in CORA sanctioned races. As such, no official policy will be implemented.

A slight majority of survey respondents indicated a desire for some action on CORA's part to regulate drafting in small boat races – specifically the drafting of a faster category. In response to this feedback, CORA provides the following recommendations to race directors:

Recommendation 1: drafting be permitted in small boat races, but restricted to same class/same gender. For example, a female OC1 racer may draft another female OC1 racer, but may not draft a surf ski, an OC2 or a male OC1 racer.

Recommendation 2: recognizing limitations in resources or ability to enforce any drafting regulations, CORA strongly suggests a staggered race start as a method to naturally restrict drafting. For example, a race director could organize one start for surf skis and OC2s at X time, and then another start for OC1s at X+:15 seconds (or any interval that makes it easy for timers to calculate times).