



## Course Marshal Guidelines

PWC Competitive event Course marshalling is a very important role. Thank you very much for volunteering. This guideline is to assist you in your activities and we hope you enjoy the excitement of the competition.

The Course Marshal's primary responsibility is to be aware and control the movements of any surrounding craft which may not be unaware of the closed course event status and to assist the Race Director in the smooth running of the event with fallen riders.

*Water safety works as a team, watching not only the racers constantly, but also one another being aware of each marshal's movements your surroundings and the Race Director.*

### **Communications.**

Primary means of communications to the Race Director or (if they are temporarily unavailable) officials such as the Assistant Race Director the two way radio

Flags are a means to communicate certain race conditions to all competitorsriders

#### **Flags**

Yellow Flag	Caution (possible rider down, track is unsafe etc).
Red Flag	Race is stopped.
White Flag	One lap to go. Raised firstly at the finish line by the ground Flag Marshal.

### **Start**

The start Marshal is to establish good two way communications with Race Director and other radio operators. Be familiar with track Lay-out and come to the starter position to signal course all clear for Racing to begin.

### **Fallen Rider.....Rider Down Rescue and Recovery**

Hold yellow flag up high, clearly visible, attempt to safely marshal other race craft positioning yourself between swimmer and other race craft. Take due care at all times to not put yourself in harms way.

note: at the riders briefing all competitors are instructed to slow down and must not pass anyone when the yellow flag is out.

When a rider is injured and cannot mount rescue board, this is an automatic Red Flag.

Once the red flag is clearly waved. Assistance will come from all marshals under the guidance of the Medic to assist injured rider onto Rescue sled and safely back to the beach.

We hope you enjoy your day

And thank you again for volunteering your time and efforts into the safe running of our events