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# Whiskey, You're my Darling

The idea is that Flag W is flown by the committee when almost all competitors have finished and the race officer wants to get on with another race but must wait because a few stragglers are still racing..

Why?

What does it do?

It allows race Officials to award their current position to tail-enders,--those that are well behind, usually beginners in Opi's



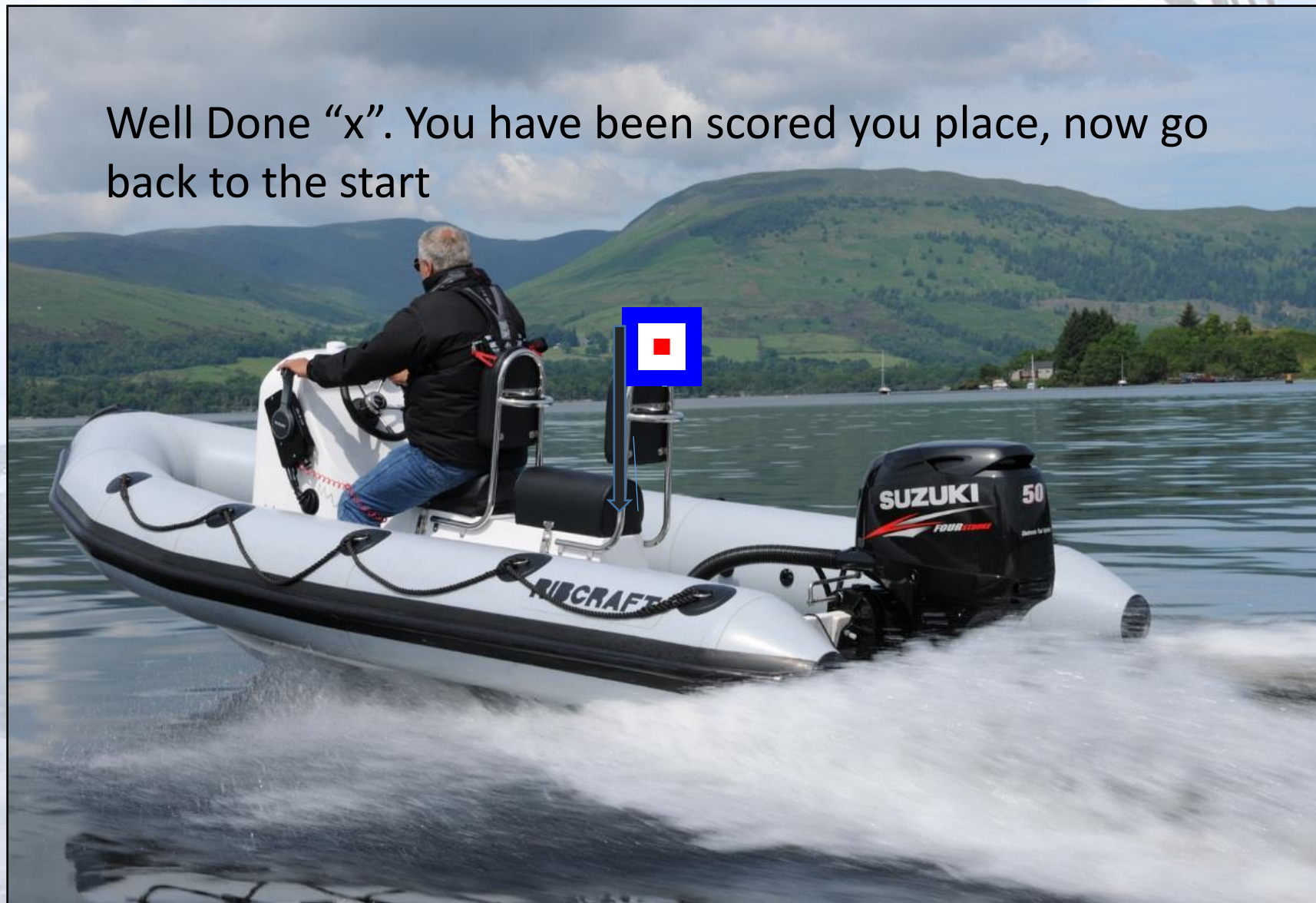
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## How it works

The tail-enders are approached by a race official afloat informing them that they are being awarded their current position and should proceed directly to the start area or home if it's the last race of the day.

Well Done "x". You have been scored you place, now go back to the start



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Use of Flag W is not covered by the Racing Rules of Sailing and so must, if it is to be used, be specifically provided for in the sailing instructions without changing the definitions.

# SI's

*When one or more boat has sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an alternative position recording procedure. A Race Committee Vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water.*

*The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area, if further races are scheduled, or return ashore.*

*The boat will be scored in the place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A4.2.*

*When this alternative procedure is in operation the Race Committee will extend the Time Limit after the first boat finishes until all boats still racing have a recorded place.*

## Advantages

Encourages beginners.

-They get to feel that someone is looking after them.

Means that the tail-enders will get a score for that race and won't suffer from a race time limit.

Considerably reduces inter race delays



## Real Advantages for Race Officers Time

This effects the running of any event

- Length of time on the water
- Number of races held
- People on shore
  - – waiting for children
  - Caterers

# Safety advantages

- Reduces fatigue of the less skilful sailors
- In cold spring or winter regattas when cold it reduces the risk of hyperthermia
- Those sailors waiting for the next race can easily get into difficulties.
- Keeps the fleet together facilitating the safety plan

# Whiskey use suitability

- One design junior classes  
e.g. Toppers, Oppys, 420s, Fevas, etc
- One design classes where there is a wide range of racing abilities e.g. Fun regattas
- One design classes that have classic divisions  
i.e. Slower divisions within the fleet-woodeniers  
etc
- Not suitable for handicap classes