



Yachting New Zealand Umpire progression pathway

Stage	Club umpire →	National umpire →	International umpire
1 Starting out	- Learn the rules, with a focus on the rules of Part 2 and Appendix C. - Learn “umpire speak”.	- Knowledge of call book. - Knowledge of the International Umpire Manual.	
2 Written	- Attend a national umpire seminar. - Written exam – not yet at national level (pass mark under 75%).	- Attend a national umpire seminar (every four years). - Achieve a pass mark of 75% in the written exam.	- Attend an international umpire seminar. - Achieve a pass mark of 80% in the written exam.
3 On-water	- Basic boat-driving skills. - Understanding of boat positioning. - Use “umpire speak”.	One positive performance assessment at national umpire level (from an international umpire). Same criteria as international umpire, but at national umpire level.	- One positive performance assessment. - Three references.
4 Experience	Umpire at events to gain experience, under the guidance of a national / international umpire.	- Serve as chief umpire at one matchracing event. - Umpire at at least eight events over four years (can include umpired fleet racing).	Umpire at at least eight principal events in four years (including one outside of member national authority (MNA).