

Umpire Training

Training to be an umpire is easy. First, tell us you want to train by emailing umpiretraining@yorkshirerowing.co.uk. If you are going to regattas, watch the umpires - introduce yourself and talk to them about what they are doing and why. Read the [Rules of Racing](#): you can discuss these with the training leads and other umpires by email or in person. Finally, set yourself up a "river" on a table, and work on race scenarios.

Training is easiest if there is a group of you - ask the training leads to arrange for an umpire to drop in from time to time. Trainees are encouraged to attend events to participate as trainee umpires whilst being closely mentored by members of the RUC. All trainee umpires will be required to take and pass an exam, which has a written theory and a practical hands on element to it; normally following the season of regattas.

When you become a qualified umpire, you will join the Regional Umpires mailing list, attend an annual seminar, and can officiate at any event in England for as long as you keep your licence. There are some restrictions on what you would be allowed to do at designated multilane regattas as a National Umpire, and then you can work towards your multilane qualification.

The total annual commitment is to officiate at not less than 3 events and then to attend a seminar at least once every 3 years.

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