

GVMYC Race Observer Guidelines

Observers are a formally recognized part of the race committee. They will be assigned a section of the course and a mark which will be their primary responsibility. When no boats are on their section they may observe other parts of the course. Observers will remain in the control area during a race. Their role is to observe the fleet and call boat-boat or boat-mark contacts, and to monitor boats that have been called to insure penalties are completed. Observers must hail only when they are absolutely sure contact has been made.

Observers will note, but not hail incorrect mark roundings.

In addition, they must note boat-to-boat protests and observe whether or not the protest has been resolved on the water with a 360. Observers will not protest a boat.

If an incident is not resolved on the water, the observer must report this to the race committee immediately after the race.

Use of a note pad is recommended to note contacts and protests, and the details of what happened.

Note taking suggestions:

Mark contact: "87-M2"

Boat to boat contact "87-65" – circle the offending boat number

Protest: "87-P-65" plus details, i.e. which rule was violated, circumstances, etc.

When a boat completes her 360, strike through the notation.