

The Rise of Umpired Racing



Short History

- Match Racing – America's cup, late 1980s
- Team Racing – College Nationals late 1990s
- Fleet Racing – late 2010s



Advantages

- Knowing the winner with certainty at the finishing line.
- No long, contentious evenings spent in the protest room.
- Allowing a penalty to be tailored to the event and type of boat sailed, and a penalty other than disqualification.
- Keeping the game between the two boats interesting for the spectators.
- Making the game more user-friendly for players, officials, sponsors and spectators.
- Improving the atmosphere at an event between competitors, and between competitors and officials.
- Language, or lack of it, is no disadvantage for the competitors, because they do not have to explain and describe the incidents.



Reasons

- Atmosphere
- Younger generations



VIDEO example



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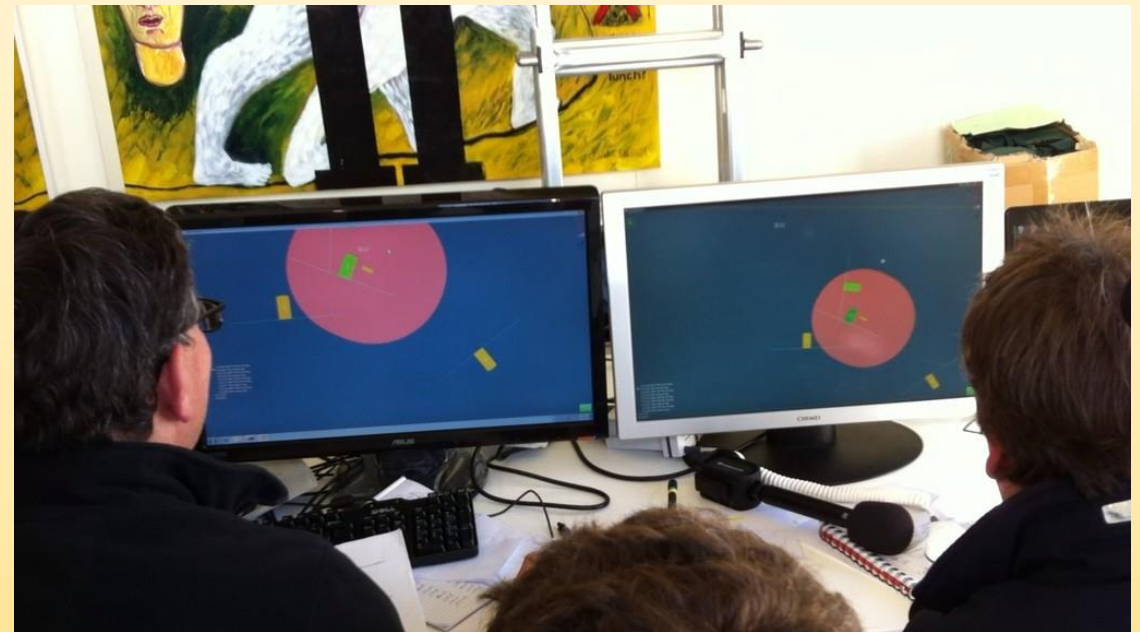
Mechanics

- Small power boats
- 2 Umpires
- Flag system
- MR – 1 boat per race, TR – 3 boats per race

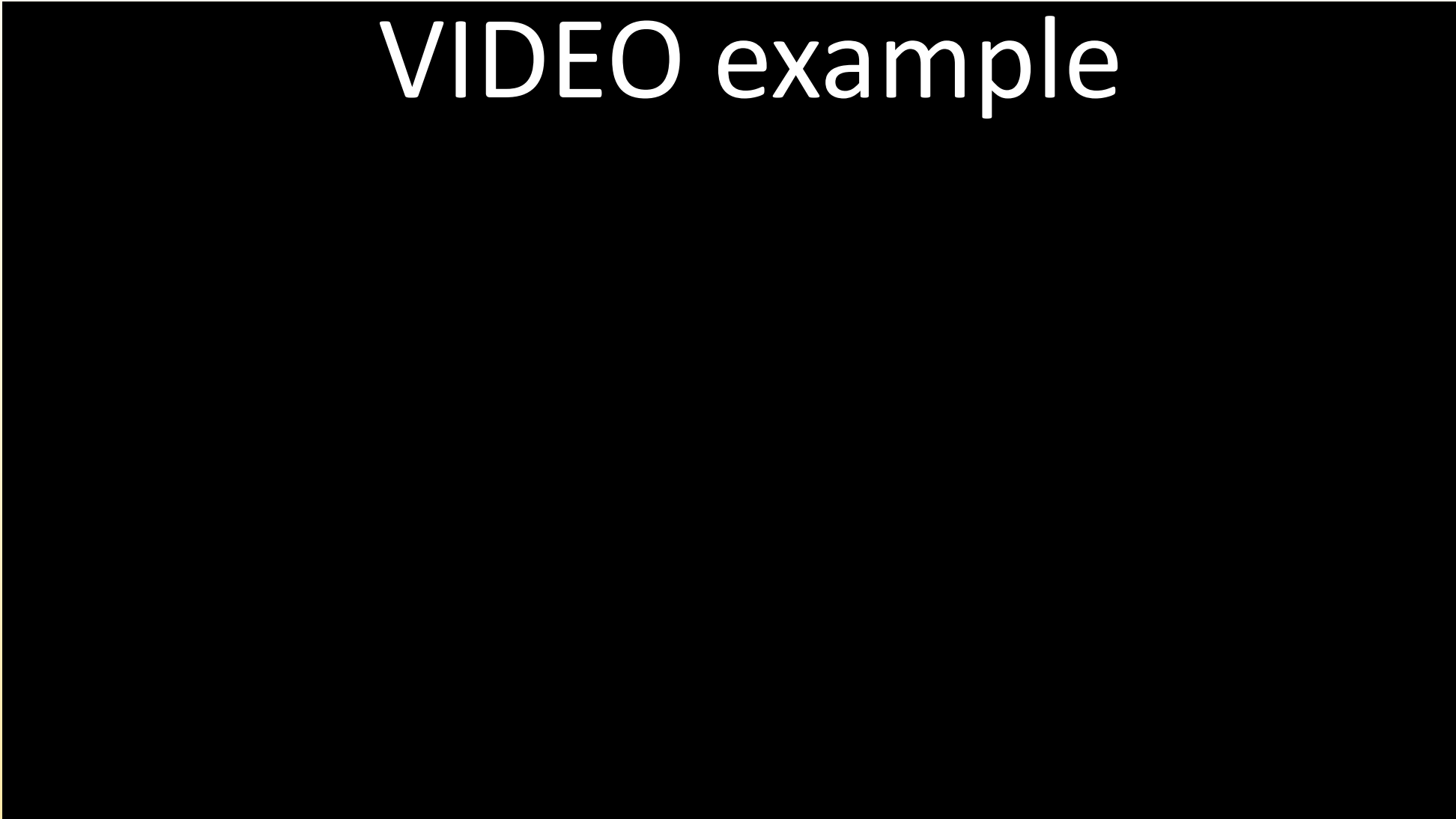


Technology

- Latest AC boats
- High Speed – eyes on the water
- Technology room



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Disadvantages

- More personnel
- More assets
- Higher costs



End Game

