

## **Ofcom attendance at Sail for Gold Regatta**

Ofcom is the United Kingdom independent communications regulator and will be attending the 2011 Sail for Gold Regatta.

Building on last year's successful attendance and to further refine processes and procedures Ofcom will carry out two main roles.

Firstly Ofcom staff will carry out testing and tagging of radio transmitting devices such as VHF marine transceivers, boat mounted VHF transceivers, Private and Mobile Radio (PMR) radios.

Laptops, smart phones, tablet computers and mobile telephones are exempted from the testing and tagging requirements.

During Testing and Tagging Ofcom staff will be located with RYA registration staff and will be happy to carry out Testing and Tagging (T&T) during the registration process. To assist Ofcom staff please have a list of all such devices available and ensure that all battery powered transmitters are charged and presented with an antenna connected, ready to be tested. On completion a small tag will be attached to each device to identify that this test has been completed.

These tests will only take a few seconds per device and will be mandatory during the Olympics. For boat mounted equipment ... an appointment system will be in use so we will be able to assist you at a later time.

Ofcom's second role will be to carry out interference resolution during the event, all complaints of radio interference should be reported via the single point of contact telephone number which is +44(0)207-9813781.