



RPYC Wednesday Sailing – October 2017

1. Handicap Parameters:

- 1.1. Only three digits will be used for Wednesday handicapping.
- 1.2. **First place** getters will go up by .010, i.e. a winner on a .600 handicap will have a 0.610 handicap for the next race.
- 1.3. **Second place** getters will go up by .005, i.e. a second place getter on a .600 handicap will have a .605 handicap for the next race.
- 1.4. **Third place** getters will not be adjusted.
- 1.5. All other starters' handicaps will go down by .002, i.e. a starter on a 0600 handicap will have a .598 handicap for the next race.
- 1.6. Handicaps of boats claiming average results for various reasons will be treated as DNC.
- 1.7. At present, as Division C has an average participation rate of less than 12 starters, the handicaps for first and second place will go up by .006 and .003 respectively. Third place handicaps will not be adjusted. All other starters' handicaps will be reduced by .003.

2. Arbitrary Manual Adjustments:

- 2.1. A first place getter winning by more than one minute on corrected time will have their handicap raised by a minimum of .013.
- 2.2. Boats gaining consecutive places (first, second or third) receive a further penalty according to the place gained in the second race: third place receives an extra 0.01, second place receives an extra 0.02, first receives an extra 0.03. Boats gaining three or more consecutive places have to be reassessed by the handicappers.

3. Start of Season Adjustment:

- 3.1. All boats that have won or gained second or third place in the consistency aggregate will have their handicaps raised by about .002 (third place) to .015 (first place), **depending** on the winning margin.
- 3.2. All handicaps will be adjusted to group boats with **similar performance ability**.
- 3.3. Consideration will also be given for expected conditions, such as lighter winds in winter, or strong sea breezes in summer.

4. Scoring for Consistency Trophies:

- 4.1. All boats starting their race will have their place recorded for the consistency aggregate.
- 4.2. Any boats unable to finish their race (DNF), shall be scored as the number of finishers plus two, but not lower than fourth place and not more than their

respective fleet size on the day. i.e. if only one boat finishes the race, all DNF boats will score fourth place. Or if six boats finish and score their respective places, any DNF boats will score eighth place.

- 4.3. In the case of a whole division not being able to finish their race, all starters will score two thirds of the number of boats in that race, to the nearest lower number, but no lower than eight.
- 4.4. Boats being on course side (OCS), disqualified (DSQ) or retiring after the finish (RAF) will score the number of boats in their fleet on that day plus one.
- 4.5. All non-starters will score a fleet size (estimated by the handicappers shortly after the start of the season) recorded in the top right hand corner of the score sheets kept in the Wardroom.
- 4.6. A boat's eight worst results, or non-starts, will be deducted from its aggregate result for that season.
- 4.7. If two or more races are cancelled or abandoned, this number will be reduced as decided by the Wednesday committee.

5. Mini Series: Three per season, usually eight races. Only first place is awarded at the presentation lunch.

- 5.1. Every race day is counted for each Mini Series (no drops).

6. Request for average points (SI 22):

- 6.1. These may be granted for missed races upon application to the Boating Operations Manager.
- 6.2. If in the first Mini Series, the average points will be calculated at the end of that Mini Series.
- 6.3. Subsequently it will be calculated using results up to the date of application.
- 6.4. At the discretion of the Boating Operations Manager and Wednesday Committee, average points (or a number) may be awarded for the following:
 - a) a race or races missed by a boat during absence at a regatta,
 - b) during voluntary work at Club events,
 - c) for a reasonable time in the event of damage sustained by a right of way boat, whilst racing.