

FYH – NFYC – WWYC

Winter Series Handicap Procedure

Objective.

To provide a fair method of allowing Yachts of different designs, performance and size to races together.

By applying the relevant handicap to the elapsed time for each yacht, widely differing yachts sail on even terms.

References.

1. RYA PY listing 2012. (The RYA no longer update this listing)
2. RYA allowances.
3. Byron Listing 2017.
4. Entry form declaration statements.
5. Yacht club handicaps.
6. An individual yacht's previous handicaps.
7. Individual yacht condition & crew status.
8. Current fleet performance.
9. Weather conditions.

The above list is by no means exhaustive, other criteria may be used which is relative to the handicap awarded.

Key Messages

The RYA only makes RECOMMENDATIONS to clubs

In order to run an effective scheme the clubs MUST take control of their own racing

The clubs should develop their own handicap list to tailor for their local factors

If a handicap is deemed to be “wrong” it is for the club to analyse race data and make an adjustment if required.

The Rules

1. The race committee will award a handicap prior to race 1, based on the Portsmouth Yardstick system for each participating yacht.
2. A review of yacht performance will take place after each race, where a handicap change is awarded it will be capped at no more or less than 5% of the individual yachts handicap, except as in rules 3 & 4 below.
3. Any late entries joining the series after race 1 will be exempt from the 5% ruling, until at least 2 races have been completed.
4. Any boat showing an unexplained and sudden increase in performance will be exempt from the 5% ruling.
5. In ruling 3 & 4 the race committee reserve the right to apply revised handicaps retrospectively.
6. The race committee decision is final.

Handicap review panel

The HRP will consist of up to 5 members as a sub committee of the Race committee.

1. The Race officer (Chair)
2. One representative from the NFYC & one representative from the WWYC.
3. The organiser's reserve the right to co-opt 2 further members if deemed necessary.

Meetings of the HRP will be recorded and the minutes made available to all concerned.

Handicap changes will be advised by way of a "Race Briefing" prior to the next race date. It is the responsibility of the individual owner / skipper to familiarise themselves with any revisions made.

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