



HANDICAPPING & SCORING SYSTEM EXPLAINED

New Members

Handicap races with a scratch start.

Where there are two handicap races on the day with two scratch starts, both races will be used to determine the competitor's handicap which will apply to that day's racing putting the person in the front half of the fleet on that day. The handicap will then apply to the next day's racing.

Handicap races with a handicap start.

A competitor without a handicap will for a handicap start be provided with an arbitrary handicap based upon information about the competitors sailing ability, gained by the handicapper prior to the start.

Adjustment of Handicaps – NB Sailsports, Zhik Series and Founders' Trophy

15 or more finishers

The competitors coming first, second or third on handicap in the race will have their handicaps adjusted by subtraction of 1 minute from their handicaps. The competitors finishing last, second last or third last on handicap in the race will have their handicaps adjusted by addition of 1 minute to their handicaps.

9 - 14 finishers

The competitors coming first or second on handicap in the race will have their handicaps adjusted by subtraction of 1 minute from their handicaps. The competitors finishing last or second last on handicap in the race will have their handicaps adjusted by addition of 1 minute to their handicaps.

5 – 8 finishers

As above, but only the first and last boats will have their handicaps adjusted by 1 minute.

4 or less finishers

No handicaps will be adjusted, unless a competitor is consistently being advantaged (or disadvantaged) by their handicap.

SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point System, as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing, is used for scoring. However, except for short race series and to encourage attendance, a competitor attempting to start but failing to finish (DNS, DNF, OCS, DSQ, retired etc) will be scored 2 points more than the number of competitors that completed that race. Competitors not attempting to start will be scored 5 points more than the number of competitors attempting to start. Competitors on DUTY will be given average points for the series after discards – the average points clearly cannot be finalised until the series is complete.