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To: Board of Governors
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Subj: Race Results Using Points

Proposal: It is proposed that the Off Soundings Club change to a low-point system in calculating the results of the Spring and Fall Race Series and for the Perpetual Trophies, as follows:

Reference: *The Racing Rules of Sailing -- 1997 - 2000*, including US SAILING Prescriptions

1. Each boat starting and finishing a race will be scored points in accordance with her finishing position. All other boats will be scored points for the finishing position one more than the total number of boats entered in her class in the series. This is the Low-Point System as described in Rule A2.2. A boat that Did Not Compete (DNC), (i.e., a boat that notified the Race Secretary on or before Race Thursday that she will not be competing in the Series), will not be included as a boat entered in a class in the series.
2. Ties in series points will be broken by Rule A2.3. Where ties cannot be broken, each of the boats tied shall be awarded the same place, per Rule A1.4(b).
3. Where two races are held on a single day, the scores for each of the races shall be weighted by a multiplier. The multiplier is (0.5) for the short race and (1.0) for the long race.
4. For the Perpetual Trophies, places, using the low-point scoring system of Rule A2.2, will be based on the sum of the points earned by a boat in each of the races. Ties will be broken as stated in Rule A2.3.

Rationale

1. With the current summed-time method, extremely large time differences for one light-air race can make the results for the remaining races irrelevant, for a series or a season.
2. Thus, the current system favors light air boats/skippers.
3. Boats that fail to start or finish or are disqualified will remain eligible for series prizes and for perpetual trophies.
4. Provides some added incentive for a Spring Series DNS, DNF, RET or DSQ to compete in the Fall Series.
5. Scoring will remain consistent for the two-year trophies even though the two classes sail different courses.
6. For those classes with two races on Saturday, a weighting factor (0.5) will fairly weight the short race. The other (longer) race is on the order of an ordinary race and the weighting factor is fairly set at 1.0.

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