



OFF SOUNDINGS CLUB

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Report of the Race Secretary

1. 2007-2008 Schedules

The 2007 schedule was approved at last October's Board Meeting and is attached for review. The proposed 2008 schedule is attached for review and approval.

2. PEs

I have formalized and extended the language describing the Off Soundings penalty (PE) process and incorporated it in the Sailing Instructions as a change to Rule 89.3 Scoring:

“ADD to Rule 89.3:

- (d) The Off Soundings Club awards performance penalties to monohull vessels for series total corrected time results as follows:
- 15% for a Series first place,
 - 10% for a Series second place,
 - 5% for a Series third place.
 - The maximum accumulated penalty shall be 45%.
 - Each penalty will expire in the order in which it was earned after three series have elapsed, whether or not the boat and Master sail.
 - Penalties will carry forward when a boat changes classes.
 - Penalties will carry forward if a Master acquires a new boat of the same type.
 - If a boat gains a co-owner the penalty will carry forward with the boat even though the co-owner may enter the boat as sole Master.
 - Penalties will not carry forward if a Master obtains a different type boat, if a boat is under completely new ownership, or if a boat is chartered or borrowed and sails without the Master that originally earned the penalty aboard.
- (e) Penalties are applied by adjusting the assigned PHRF handicap by the accumulated penalty % using a proprietary formula. The handicap as adjusted is then used in the Time Correction Factor formula to arrive at an adjusted TCF, which is used to calculate corrected time.”

Under the current formula each 5% of PE results in the addition of 8 seconds per mile to the handicap. In the 2006 Fall Series 54 of 113 of entrants, or 48%, owned a PE. A list of boats with PEs for the Spring '07 Series is attached; 75 boats have PEs, 13 of those have multiple penalties

I made several minor errors in reporting the fall results without PE to ECSA. These have been corrected and affected entrants have been notified. The errors did not affect the perpetual trophy results. Also, sometimes there are questions because members tend to forget that when penalties are removed the results for everyone with a PE change and for some final results without PE may actually become worse rather than better.

3. Perpetual Trophies

Results have been completed and were mailed to members along with the final Fall Series results. The Treasurer has questioned whether it is necessary to make a separate mailing of the fall final results. I think not. The final results could be posted on the website and those and the perpetual trophy results could be mailed in the next scheduled mailing. 110 of the 113 entrants in the 2006 Fall Series, or 97%, provided e-mail addresses indicating that they have at least some access to the Internet. If that is decided the race documents should be updated to so indicate.

Note that in discussions with Norman Rabe on determining results for 2-year trophies he informed me that the practice has been to transfer results from prior years to the current class when a boat has changed class by action of the club, i.e., reclassification to balance classes, or from a special class to a regular class, but not when for the 'convenience of the skipper,' e.g., Spinnaker to Non-spinnaker or vice versa. I have continued that practice and will document it as the approved procedure.

4. Launches

The Race Secretary should not be responsible for obtaining launch service at the race venues. We need to discuss where the responsibility should lie.

5. Guests

A report of guest participation is attached.

6. Race Participation

I have attached for review and discussion data and graphics analyzing race participation from 2003 – 2006.

Sincerely yours,



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