

Motion to Amend Section 5 of the TSCQ Sailing Instructions 2010

The relevant section of the 2010 Sailing Instructions is as follows:

5. RACES

When for any reason less than three boats are prepared to sail in any race, the race will be declared as a no race and will not be resailed. Any boat that does sail and completes the course will be awarded points equal to finishing last in a race.

A boat starting in a race, but not finishing, shall notify the starter boat before returning to the shore. This may be done verbally, by radio or by another boat.

The rationale for the proposed amendment is:

- There are no set points for finishing last in a race. It depends on the number of competitors. Sailwave cannot award points for "last place". The nearest would be to award points for a DNF (did not finish), which is one point better per boat than for boats who do not compete.
- When one or two TSCQ boats compete in a Combined Race with other similar boats, it is unfair that if the race is completed, that they do not receive the points for their placings ie 1st or 2nd or DNF.
- For Club races, two boats should be enough to constitute a race. If only one boat turns up, it should be awarded a DNF, which provides a one point advantage over other boats.
- Adjustment of handicaps should require a minimum of three starters. It is not reasonable to increase the handicap of a boat that wins a one or two boat race, or to decrease the handicap of a boat finishing 2nd in a two boat race.

MOTION

To amend Section 5 of the Sailing Instructions 2010, effective from the start of the 2010-2011 season as follows:

5. RACES

The minimum number of boats to constitute a valid club race shall be two, which shall include boats from other clubs in a multi club race. If only one boat presents for a race, it will be awarded a DNF, even if it does not sail. No points will be awarded for races that are cancelled before the start.

Club handicaps will only be adjusted for races with a minimum of three starters.

Moved – Mal Dorricott

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