

New Club Champion criteria and transition arrangements

The current methodology is to take a helm's best 15 races with at least 5 starters and the helmsman with the lowest points is awarded the Club Champion. The 15 races are taken from the previous Winter Series and the current Summer and all Twilight Series. Thus when the Club Champion award is made at the Annual Dinner, part way through the Winter Series, races towards the next Club Champion have already commenced.

This was established around 2002 when there were as few as 12 twilight races. Therefore, to be Club Champion required participation in other types of races. In 2009 daylight savings was extended and the club responded by scheduling additional twilight races and increasing the Christmas Twilights from 3 to 4 races.

With the change in daylight savings there have been up to 28 twilight races in a season and one can become Club Champion without doing any other races.

The Race Committee has considered for some time that the Club Champion should be the helmsman who excels across the variety of races offered at our club and has considered a range of options including specifying races as Club Championship races and simply increasing the number of races required to be Club Champion.

The following is recommended:

An award for Club Champion will be presented at the Annual Mid-Year Dinner. The award will be made to the helmsman that accrues the lowest points (since the conclusion of the last award) from the best 25 race results on any boat including at least a minimum of (subject to this clause):

- 1. 12 races from the Twilight Series with at least five starters (including the Christmas Twilights),*
- 2. 50% of completed races with at least five starters from the previous season Winter Series,*
- 3. 50% of completed races with at least five starters from the current season Summer Series and*
- 4. 50% of completed races with at least five starters from the current season Destination Series.*

Where there are an odd number of races in a Series it shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

Where a boat does not compete in a series it will be allocated the DNC score each race in that series.

Results from any race with less than five starters in a division and races in which an alternate helmsman sails the boat shall be excluded from the calculation.

Transition arrangements for season (2017/18) is proposed:

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- 1. 12 races from the Twilight Series with at least five starters (including the Christmas Twilights),*
- 2. Any number of completed races from the previous season Winter Series with at least five starters,*
- 3. 50% of completed races with at least five starters from the current season Summer Series and*
- 4. 50% of completed races with at least five starters from the current season Destination Series.*

Where there are an odd number of races in a Series it shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

Where a boat does not compete in a series it will be allocated the DNC score for each race in that series.

Results from any race with less than five starters in a division and races in which an alternate helmsman sails the boat shall be excluded from the calculation.