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THE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE ECSA

2019

Dear ECSA Racing Sailors!

The 2019 season has arrived. Each year we work to improve the Website Application and the handicapping process. This year we have implemented new handicap application software. We would like your feedback on how these improvements have worked for you.

MODIFICATIONS The ECSA Handicap Council reiterates the requirement to list all applicable modifications to your boat. We have defined carefully which modifications are reportable. Specifically we differentiate between repairs, and those changes which are beyond the standard allowed modifications, and that have the potential to substantially affect a boat's performance. You **must continue** to list these modifications even if such changes were previously reported as they all need to be listed on your current Handicap certificate. **See Section I of the Regulations.**

ROLLER FURLER RESTRAINED (RFR). Council has codified the handicap adjustments for roller furling headsails so that it applies equally to both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes. To receive this adjustment, an owner must specifically select this option in the application process. Please refer to **Section IV of the Regulations** for additional detail.

One Design Boat (ODR); Clarification concerning a boat being rated as ODR have been added to **Section I of the Regulations.**

SAIL MEASUREMENTS Submission of sail measurement certificates is required if you acquired a NEW (or different) rated sail (main sail, largest jib, and largest spinnaker) since your **LAST ECSA Handicap Certificate** was issued. **This year all Code Zero spinnakers must also have a measurement certificate.** Such certificates should be obtained from your sailmaker and forwarded to your assigned handicapper. No handicap certificate will be issued until we have valid measurements. If you are unable to obtain a measurement certificate from your sailmaker, contact your handicapper to arrange a measurement.

ASYMMETRIC SPINNAKERS. **Section VI** of the regulations has been revised to more accurately handicap sprit flown "A" sails.

STAY SAILS. The ECSA 2019 regulations have been revised to clarify the use of various staysails while racing in Spinnaker class. Restrictions for the Non-Spinnaker class are also clarified. See **Section IV of the Regulations; paragraphs E, and F are so modified. In Section X of the regulations, paragraph E and F are added.**

WATER BALLAST. ECSA will not issue handicap certificates for boats that do not meet the requirements of RRS Rule 51.

DEFINITIONS: Please note changes to the 'Definitions' in the 2019 Regulations:

- (a) in 2015 we adopted the IMS definition of "**TPS**", and the term, **JPS**, was deleted. When an Asymmetric or Symmetric spinnaker is flown from a pole, **TPS** is equal to **SPL**. A boat only has one value for **TPS**.
- (b) "**JGM**" defines the jib mid-girth for Headsails. See **Section IV of the Regulations for limits.**
- (c) "**SFL**" was added in order to facilitate spinnaker area calculations.
- (d) "**RFR**" has been added to define Roller Furling Restrained constraints.
- (e) "**SMW**" replaces the term "**G**". See **Section II of the regulations.**

APPLICATION PROCESS In order to get your handicap Certificate, simply log onto the ECSA website (www.ecsa.net), click on "Membership", then "Join". At that point you'll be able to import a prior year's data if applicable. If your boat qualifies for the spinnaker class roller furler credit, **you will have to select that option in Section 7 of the input data sheet;** even if there are no other changes from a prior year.

If you didn't have a prior ECSA handicap certificate, you'll be asked to provide contact information, as well as your boat hull and sail measurements (sail measurement certificates may be required). Once you have completed the input data sheet, you will pay the ECSA/PHRF membership fee with a credit card. (Note that ECSA membership is required in order to get a Handicap Certificate.) When this is done, you will receive e-mail confirming your membership, and notifying you that your handicapper will be in touch with you within the next ten days. Your handicapper will also be automatically notified that your boat is ready to be handicapped. Your handicapper may contact you with questions, or to arrange to measure your boat or sails. Once the handicapper has completed the handicapping procedure, you will be notified by e-mail. At that point, you will be able to log onto the ECSA website and print out a copy of your 2019 handicap Certificate.

QUESTIONS If there are any questions, please refer to the **ECSA 2019 Regulations** elsewhere in the **2019 ECSA Yearbook** (or on the **ECSA** website) for clarification or contact any one of the PHRF handicappers listed.

We wish you a successful Sailing experience.
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