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## THE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE ECSA

### 2020

ECSA Racing Sailors!

Welcome to ECSA's 2020 race season. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of racing. As you may be aware, we continue to work improving the handicapping process. Below are notes on several updated sections in the Regulations that everyone should be aware of. We appreciate your feedback. Please take note of the following:

**Custom or One-Off Boats or Boats that are substantially modified** that are new to the area without documented performance data, may benefit with certified weight data. Forms are available from ECSA PHRF.

The 3-year restriction on rating appeals has been moved from the regulations and incorporated in the ECSA PHRF bylaws.

The section on **QUALIFICATIONS** has been clarified in response to questions about water ballast.

Required **SAIL MEASUREMENTS** now include all Code Zero Spinnakers with rated sails (main sail, largest jib, Code Zero Spinnakers and largest symmetric and asymmetric spinnakers). As always, all new rated sails added to your inventory since your last **ECSA Handicap Certificate** was issued must be accompanied with a measurement certificate. Sail specs will be recorded on your rating certificate by your handicapper.

**Section V: Mainsails** now reads: "MGL (1/4 leach) shall not exceed 0.87 E" to better reflect mainsail shape.

And last, we have modified the section titled **OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY** and recommend that all applicants read it carefully. You will note that "...Information provided for a rating certificate may need to be verified by the handicap council together with the owner."

**APPLICATION PROCESS** In order to get your handicap certificate, simply log onto the ECSA website ([www.ecsa.net](http://www.ecsa.net)) and click on "Join" at the top of the page. To begin, you'll be asked several questions. If you have noted any changes from the previous year's data, you will be taken to an application page where you can provide the updated information. If there are no changes from the previous year, you can import the prior year's data which will be submitted for your 2020 certificate. Please note, 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 your contact information as well as your boat hull and sail measurements (measurement certificates for rated sails may be required).

After completing your application, you will be asked to pay the ECSA/PHRF membership fee with a credit card. (Note that ECSA membership is included with your Handicap Certificate.) Once you have completed payment, you will receive an 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 handicapping procedure is complete, you will be notified by e-mail and you will be able to log onto the ECSA website to print out a copy of your 2020 Rating Certificate.

**QUESTIONS?** If there are any questions, please refer to the **ECSA 2020 Regulations** elsewhere in the **ECSA Yearbook** (or on the website) for clarification. Alternately, you may contact any one of the PHRF handicappers listed.

We wish you a successful Sailing experience.  
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