

PHRF - EASTERN CONNECTICUT

THE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE ECSA

2022

ECSA Racing Sailors!

Welcome to ECSA's 2022 race season. After another New England winter, we are all hungry for an exciting year of racing. 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:

New This Year:

Doublehanded Racing: In response to an increased interest in Doublehanded racing, in addition to the standard ratings, your Handicap Certificate will now include a Doublehand Non-Spin (DH non-Spin) rating that compensates for limited sail handling capabilities and reduced crew weight on the rail. Any boat using their DH rating may compete with other DH rated boats in a separate DH class. A DH division will be added to the ECSA Results. In order to compete for ECSA points in the DH division, a boat must select this division at the start of the season. See section **XIII** for details...Spread the word!

New Last Year

Cruising boats receive credits that level the playing field: As with last year, we are awarding additional time credit to boats equipped with Dacron or similar cruising sails and furling systems that are racing in the non-Spinnaker class. The purpose of these credits is to encourage and widen the scope of boats that participate in ECSA events. If you currently race with roller furled sails, these credits may apply. See section **XII Recreational Credits** in the updated PHRF regulations and tell your cruising friends!

In the section on **QUALIFICATIONS:** Boats with Water Ballast or Lifting Foils can now receive handicap ratings so they can race in the ECSA Offshore Circuit. Also, in this section, note that Mid-year rating changes with the intent or perceived intent of optimizing for a race, series, or seasonal trends shall not be considered. And, if you have any planned modifications, typical rating adjustments for modifications to mast, rudder, or displacement are available on request.

Finally, as a reminder, required **SAIL MEASUREMENTS** 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS In order to get your handicap certificate, simply log onto the ECSA website (www.ecsa.net) and click on "Join" at the top of the page. To begin, you'll be asked several questions. If you qualify for Recreational Credits, have Foils, Water Ballast, made Modifications, or noted any changes from the previous year's data, you will be taken to the data page where you can provide the required information. If there are no changes from the previous year, you can import the prior year's data which will be submitted for your 2022 certificate. Please note, if your boat qualifies for the 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 did not 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).

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. 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 2022 Rating Certificate.

QUESTIONS? If there are any questions, please refer to the **ECSA 2022 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 fun and success this season!
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