

PHRF - EASTERN CONNECTICUT

THE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE ECSA

2023

ECSA Racing Sailors!

Welcome to ECSA's 2023 race season. After a mild New England winter, we are all itching to get out on the water. 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:

Free Flying Headsails are allowed for use in the Spinnaker Class. A Free Flying Headsail is a reaching headsail that is set flying, tacked forward of but not attached to the headstay. The sail does not meet the definition of either a spinnaker or jib with the distance between half luff point and half leech point between 50% and 75% of foot length. See section **IV** of the Regulations for details.

Allowable AGM/TPS values

One Design Boats and all others (including modified boats) sailing in PHRF configuration with a sprit flown asymmetric spinnaker are allowed newly defined sail sizes (AGM/TPS) depending on the sprit length defined as TPS/J. See section **VI** of the Regulations for details.

New Last Year

Doublehand/Shorthand Racing: In response to continued interest in Doublehanded/Shorthand racing, all Yacht Clubs are encouraged to accommodate DH racers. Any boat may compete with other DH rated boats in a separate DH class using their DH rating. When less than 3 DH boats register for a race, they will be placed in a Non-Spinnaker Class using their NS Handicap. All DH Racing results will be recorded in the DH Division 9 scores. In order to compete for ECSA points in the DH division, you must select this division at the start of the season. See section **XIII** for details...Spread the word!

Reminders

Required **SAIL MEASUREMENTS** include all of your largest Rated Sails. As always, all new **rated sails** added to your inventory since your last **ECSA Handicap Certificate** was issued must be accompanied with a sail measurement certificate. Sail specs will be recorded on your rating certificate by your handicapper. See section **I, item 4. Sail Plan** for the complete list of rated sails.

PHRF is a performance-based rule and investment in an innovative new sail type, configuration, or technology should not be viewed through the lens of yielding a performance advantage over the rest of the fleet. Innovation is encouraged, but the principle of PHRF requires that any performance benefit be offset with adjustments.

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 2023 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 2023 Rating Certificate.

QUESTIONS? If there are any questions, please refer to the **ECSA 2023 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!
PHRF of Eastern Connecticut