

PHRF - EASTERN CONNECTICUT

THE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE ECSA & ELIYA

2024

ECSA & ELIYA Racing Sailors!

Welcome to the 2024 race season. After another 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:

PHRF of Eastern Connecticut is excited to be selected as the handicapping authority for boats from Eastern Long Island Yachting Association (ELIYA).

One Design: Under **GENERAL REGULATIONS**, the definition and guidelines for One Design rated boats have been updated for 2024.

Shorthand Racing: There continues to be growing interest in shorthand racing. For ECSA racers who want to race in the Shorthand Non-Spinnaker Division (SH Non-Spin), in order to simplify scoring, the use of the SH Non-Spinnaker handicap has been discontinued for this year. When racing SH Non-Spinnaker you must use your non-spinnaker handicap.

New Last Year

Free Flying Headsails are now permitted for use in the Spinnaker Class. See section **IV** of the Regulations for details.

Allowable AGM/TPS values

Handicap guidelines for all boats racing with a sprit flown asymmetric spinnaker were updated in 2023. These are based on sail sizes (AGM/TPS) for any given sprit length, defined as TPS/J. See section **VI** of the Regulations for details.

Reminders

Required **SAIL MEASUREMENTS** include all of your largest **Rated Sails**. As always, all rated sails added to your inventory since your last Handicap Certificate was issued must be accompanied by a sail measurement certificate issued by a sailmaker or an ECSA recognized handicapper. 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 or ELIYA website. For ECSA, click on "Join" at the top of the page. For ELIYA, click on "PHRF Form". To begin, you'll be asked several questions. For all ELIYA racers and for ECSA racers who 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). 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. For ECSA racers, if there are no changes from the previous year, you can import the prior year's data which will be submitted for your 2024 renewal 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. ELIYA racers will be able to renew their certificates starting in 2025 following assignment of initial handicap ratings in 2024.

After completing payment, you will receive an e-mail confirming your application 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 or ELIYA website to print out a copy of your 2024 Rating Certificate.

QUESTIONS? If there are any questions, please refer to the **2024 PHRF Regulations** in the **ECSA Yearbook** (or on the respective website) for clarification. Alternately, feel free to contact any one of the PHRF handicappers listed.

We wish you fun and success this season!
PHRF of Eastern Connecticut