Hollowell Sailing Club

A Summary of
Club Racing Formats and Awards

A Useful Guide for Competitors and the club Race Results Officer

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	COMMENTS
Official PY Handicaps	The RYA's Portsmouth Yardstick method of handicapping will be used with **NO LOCAL VARIATIONS**. The official list to be used is the annual RYA list published at the start of each sailing year and this will form the basis of all boat handicaps used in club racing.
Handicaps for boats with no official PY number	The Race Results Officer, in consultation with the boat owner and the Sailing Secretary inputs an agreed PY number taking into account: a) the manufacturer's suggested PY; b) any relevant HSC race results; and c) PY numbers being used by other sailing club's. Once a PY has been agreed it will remain in place for the rest of the year. It can only be changed at the start of the next sailing year i.e. it will not and cannot be changed during the year or during a series/regatta or at any other time.
Setting Personal Handicap fleets – Gold, Silver & Bronze	Personal Gold, Silver and Bronze handicaps <u>apply to the sailor</u> that helms the boat, irrespective of what boat they are sailing. Three fleet groups will be used and they will be <u>**set by the Sailing Committee at the 1st Sailing Committee meeting at the start of each sailing year**</u> using the following process:- • Initially the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets will be decided on the basis of sailor's overall ranked results in all of the previous year's Saturday and Sunday series. • Gold* sailors - club sailors of a high standard, won previous series and likely to be an automatic inclusion for our Warwick Trophy team. These sailors will always be GOLD* (until they leave the club or........) and they will be decided first by the Sailing Committee. • Gold fleet will generally be a maximum of 25 sailors (including the Gold* sailors), Silver fleet will generally be a maximum of 25 sailors, and the Bronze fleet will make up the balance. • Fleet sizes may vary from year to year at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. • Sailors can be promoted and demoted, depending on their level of racing success/skill during the previous year. Gold* and Gold fleet sailors sail off their boat's official RYA PY number, Silver fleet get 10% extra time (PY increases by 10%) & Bronze fleet an extra 15%. New members joining during the year will, until the following year when their PH fleet status will be assessed along with all of the other members, be allocated a fleet status by the Race Results Officer, in consultation with the sailor and the Sailing Secretary. **There will be no appeals process.** In addition the Sailing Committee will balance the numbers in each fleet, taking into account the frequency of participation (if you are not a frequent competitor then your chances of falling down a fleet are higher).
Racing Rules of Sailing	All races at Hollowell Sailing Club are sailed in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and Hollowell Sailing Club's Sailing Instructions, copies of which are available in the clubhouse and on the Club website www.hollowellsc.org.uk

SERIES	Number of Races	To Count	Type of Race	Comments & Prizes Awarded
Mad March Pursuit	1	1	Full or ½ Pursuit	• In finishing order.
Spring Saturday	14 (in 2016)	5 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Spring Sunday	24 (in 2016)	9 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st in each Dinghy fleet - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own fleets.
Easter Egg Handicap	3	2	Personal Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
Rita Richardson Pursuit	5	4	½ Pursuits	• In finishing order.
Mayhem Pursuit	3	2	½ Pursuits	• In finishing order.
Sail4Cancer	4	3	Personal Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
Hollowell Rose Bowl	3	2	½ Pursuits	• In finishing order.
All Saturday Sprint Races	n/a in 2016	n/a in 2016	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
All Sunday Sprint Races	9	6	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Summer Saturday	16 ((in 2016)	6 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Summer Sunday	24 (in 2016)	9 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st in each Dinghy fleet - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own fleets.
Personal Handicap Trophy	3	2	Personal Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
RNLI Pennant Personal Handicap Pursuit	3	2	Personal Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.

SERIES (cont'd)	Number of Races	To Count	Type of Race	Comments & Prizes Awarded
Don Howard Trophy	5	4	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Junior Regatta	3	2	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Autumn Saturday	14 (in 2016)	5 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Autumn Sunday	18 (in 2016)	7 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st Silver and Bronze sailor – Highest placed Silver and Bronze fleet sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group. • 1st in each Dinghy fleet - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own fleets.
Thursday Pursuit Ladder	19 (in 2016)	ALL races to count	Thursday Night Personal Handicap	• Handicaps are based on PY pursuit start times (laser is 0) but adjusted by each sailor to take into account their sailing ability e.g. novice sailors add on a minute (or two!). • If you win a race, take a minute off your personal handicap, if you are last, add a minute. • Based on POSITIVE POINTS using the following formula: S-P+5 where S = no. of starters; and P = your place (so if you came 3rd out of 10 competitors you would get 10-3+5=12 points. • The winner of the series is the sailor with the most points after the set number of races.
Club Championship	5	4	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Frostbite	19 (in 2016)	7 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
Snowflake	6 (in 2016)	4 (in 2016)	Handicap	• Overall Prizes - Ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.

NOTES:
1. 'Handicap' – these races will use the official RYA PY numbers for handicapping boats/sailors.
2. 'Personal Handicap' - these races will use modified official RYA PY numbers for handicapping boats/sailors, adding 10% extra time onto Silver fleet sailors and 15% extra for Bronze fleet sailors.
3. 'Thursday Night Personal Handicap' – these are pursuit races loosely based on official RYA PY numbers but modified personally by each sailor, depending on their skill level i.e. the sailor chooses what start time they would like to go off on.

	AWARD	WHO AWARDS THE TROPHY AND HOW IT IS WON
ANNUAL AWARDS	"Best of the Rest" at the club championships	The highest placed person in the Club Championship who has not previously won a HSC prize (series, regatta or other) at any other time since, and including, the last Club Championships, excluding those awarded 'Up the Creek' and 'Endeavour' prizes.
	"First Lady Vet" at the club championships	The highest placed lady veteran sailor ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group at the Club Championships.
	Veterans Solo	The highest placed veteran (male or female, 60 years of age and over) sailor sailing a Solo when ranked by Sailwave taking into account all races in the spring, summer and autumn series, including both Saturday and Sunday series.
	Veterans Trophy	The highest placed veteran sailor (male or female, 60 years of age and over) when ranked by Sailwave taking into account all races in the spring, summer and autumn series, including both Saturday and Sunday series.
	Junior Girl	Decided by the Sailing Secretary & Principal of Training with input from the Results Officer and taking into account club participation, race results, and other subjective factors. Junior to be 16 years of age and under by the end of the calendar year – see Sailing Committee minutes of 18/2/14
	Junior Boy	Decided by the Sailing Secretary & Principal of Training with input from the Results Officer and taking into account club participation, race results, and other subjective factors. Junior to be 16 years of age and under by the end of the calendar year – see Sailing Committee minutes of 18/2/14
	Tried Hardest under 16	Committee decision.
	Club Ambassador	Committee decision.
	Ladies Cup	The highest placed Lady sailor, over 16 years of age, when ranked by Sailwave taking into account all races in the spring, summer and autumn series, including both Saturday and Sunday series.
	Most Improved Helm	Committee decision.
	Crew's Trophy	Committee decision.
	Commodore's Trophy	Commodore's decision.
	Up the Creek Trophy	Committee decision.
	Training	Principal of the Training Centre's decision.