Hollowell Sailing Club

**A Summary of**

**Club Racing Formats and Awards**

**A Useful Guide for Competitors and the club Race Results Officer**

*Revised Feb 2021 - PD*

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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 apply to the sailor that helms the boat, irrespective of what boat they are sailing. Three fleet groups will be used and they will be **set by the Sailing Committee at the 1st Sailing Committee meeting at the start of each sailing year** 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](http://www.hollowellsc.org.uk)  |

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| **SERIES** | **Number of Races** | **To Count** | **Type of Race** | **Comments & Prizes Awarded** |
| Spring Saturday | 16 (in 2021) | 7(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
* 1st Silver - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
* 1st Bronze - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
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| Spring Sunday | 24(in 2021) | 10(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Rita Richardson Pursuit | 5 | 4 | ½ Pursuits | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked in finishing order.
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| Easter Egg Handicap | 3 | 2 | Personal Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
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| Mad March Pursuit | 1 | 1 | Full or ½ Pursuit | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked in finishing order.
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| Mayhem Pursuit | 3 | 2 | ½ Pursuits | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked in finishing order.
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| Sail4Cancer | 1 | 1 | Personal Handicap Team Endurance  | * Overall Prizes - Team event, 1st, 2nd, 3rd teams ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps collated into teams
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| Hollowell Rose Bowl | 3 | 2 | ½ Pursuits | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked in finishing order.
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| All Saturday Sprint Races | 6 | 4 | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| All Sunday Sprint Races | 9 | 6 | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Summer Saturday | 18(in 2021) | 7(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Personal Handicap Trophy | 3 | 2 | Personal Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
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| RNLI Pennant | 3 | 2 | Personal Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group but using their Gold, Silver & Bronze personal handicaps.
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| Don Howard Trophy | 5 | 4 | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Junior Regatta | 3 | 2 | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Autumn Saturday | 16(in 2021) | 7(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
* 1st Silver - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
* 1st Bronze - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
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| Autumn Sunday | 21(in 2021) | 9(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
* 1st Silver - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
* 1st Bronze - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
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| Thursday Pursuit Ladder | 18(in 2021) | 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.
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| Club Championship | 5 | 4 | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
* 1st Silver - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
* 1st Bronze - Ranked 1st by Sailwave scoring all competitors grouped in their own PH fleet.
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| **SERIES** | **Number of Races** | **To Count** | **Type of Race** | **Comments & Prizes Awarded** |
| Frostbite | 19(in 2021) | 7(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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| Snowflake | 4(in 2021) | 2(in 2021) | Handicap | * Overall Prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd, ranked by Sailwave scoring all competitors as one group.
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**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.

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|  | **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 prize (series, regatta or other) at any other time as member of HSC. |
| “First Lady Vet” at the club championships | The highest placed lady veteran sailor when all lady vets are ranked by Sailwave as one group at the Club Championships. |
| Veterans Solo | The highest placed veteran (male or female) 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 (male or female) sailor 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 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. |
| Tried Hardest under 16 | Committee decision. |
| Club Ambassador | Committee decision. |
| Ladies Cup | The highest placed Lady sailor 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. |

Annually Awarded Trophies

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| 4. Pursuit Race Winners | Handicap Event | Spring Pursuit | Rita Richardson Trophy |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Spring Sunday | Spring Handicap Trophy |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Spring Saturday | Len Humphries Spring Cup |
| 5. Personal Handicap Race Winners | Handicap Event | Personal Handicap Trophy | Silver Georgian Tankard |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Summer Sunday | Rayleigh Cannon |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Summer Saturday | Len Humphries Cup |
| 4. Pursuit Race Winners | Overall Series | Thursday Ladder | Shield |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Autumn Saturday | Autumn Tankard |
| 1. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Autumn Sunday | Mercury and Herald Cup |
| 10. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Frostbite Series | Cup |
| 10. Handicap Series Winners | Overall Series | Snowflake Series | Tankard |
| 8. Club Solo Championships | Handicap Event | Club Solo Open | 8" Ship on 4" x 2" black base |
| 4. Pursuit Race Winners | Handicap Event | Hollowell Rose Bowl | Hollowell Rose Bowl |
| 8. Club Laser Championships | Handicap Event | Club Laser Open | 8" Ship on black base |
| 6. Other Regattas | Handicap Event | Don Howard Trophy | Don Howard Trophy (cigar case) |
| 8. Club Championships | Club Championships | Club Championship | Silver Jubilee Trophy |
| 8. Club Championships | Club Championships | Best of the Rest - Club Champs | Watney Mann Trophy |
| 8. Club Championships | Club Championships | First Lady Vet in Club Championship | Veteran Ladies Silver Cup |
| 9. Special Awards | Solo | Veterans | Captain's Cup |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Veteran's Trophy | Marble Barometer |
| 7. Junior Awards | Special | Junior Girl | Terry Cashmore Trophy |
| 7. Junior Awards | Special | Tried hardest under 16 | Endeavour Trophy |
| 7. Junior Awards | Special | Junior Boy | Junior Cup |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Club Ambassador | Plate on wooden plinth |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Ladies Cup | Wright Cup |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Most Improved helm | Brixham Bell |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Crew's Trophy | Crews Trophy |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Commodore's Trophy | Silver Salver |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Up the Creek Trophy | HSC Paddler-Bailer |
| 9. Special Awards | Special | Training | Silver Founders Cup |