# Report on a <br> Performance Handicap System for Windrush State Championships 2023 

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## 1 Introduction

The 2023 Windrush (Yacht) State Championships 2023 were held on Geographe Bay, Western Australia at Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club (DBYC) in early March 2023. An Invitation Race was held on Friday $3^{\text {rd }}$ of March and the 6-race Championship Series was held on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of March (4 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday). There were 30 yachts entered in the Championship series in 3 divisions: Division 1 Cat, 14 entries, Division 2 Sloop, 6 entries and Division 3 Super Sloop, 10 entries. Appendix A has a list the entrants.

The Invitation Race on Friday (not part of the Championship series) was a slalom course with all entrants on the day in a single start. Races 1 to 6 of the Championship series (Saturday/Sunday) were held on equilateral triangular courses with starts at 5 -minute intervals in the Division order: Cat (1st start), Sloop (2nd start), Super Sloop (3rd start). For the Championship series, the start time of each division was recorded, and finish times recorded for each yacht completing the race and elapsed times (ET) determined for each finishing yacht where $E T=$ finish time - start time. Appendix B has a list of elapsed times for yachts in each race.

There was one unusual 'event' in the series, and this happened in Race 2 on Saturday morning. Due to the light winds, the Race Officer displayed course flag numeral 1 (the shortest of the 3 available courses) at the warning signal for all three divisions, rather than course flag numeral 2 that had been displayed for Race 1 and that most of the sailors were expecting. Only one yacht in the entire fleet, Catatonic (Peter Hawley) sailed the proper course. All other yachts sailed the longer course 2. This is clearly reflected in the elapsed times for Division 1 yachts in Race 2.

All the races were sailed in slight to moderate sea conditions (no swell, small to moderate wind waves) approximately 1.5 km from the shore. The Invitation Race (Friday) was sailed in a gentle breeze ( 7 - 10 knots) from the South $\left(180^{\circ}\right)$. Races 1 and 2 (Saturday am) were sailed in a light to gentle breeze ( $6-8$ knots) from the South and Races 3 and 4 (Saturday pm) in a gentle to moderate breeze ( $8-13$ knots) from the South. Race 5 (Sunday pm) was sailed in light air ( $4-6$ knots) from the North $\left(000^{\circ}\right)$ and Race 6 (Sunday pm) was sailed in moderate wind (11-16 knots) from WSW ( $245^{\circ}$ ).

The Race Committee for the Championship are interested in providing a Performance Handicap System PHS that can use a yacht's allocated handicap $A H C$ and ET to produce a corrected time $C T$ where $C T=E T \times A H C$. The corrected times are then arranged in ascending order (least to greatest) and race scores $1,2,3$, etc. assigned. These are the PHS race scores, or as they are often described "the handicap results", and these would be in addition to the usual method of race-scores $1,2,3$, etc., assigned to yachts in $E T$-order (least to greatest).
PHS results are often called Consistency Results and the Sailing Instructions for the championships mention Consistency Results in Section 19 SCORING that is shown below.

[^0]19. SCORING
19.1. A minimum of four races must be completed to constitute a series.
19.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. A Disqualified result can not be excluded and as a worst score.
19.3. A minimum of four (4) boats will constitute a fleet. (Cat rig, Sloop rig and Supersloop)
19.4. Classes with fewer than four (4) boats will be combined into a mixed fleet.
19.5. Consistency Results will be calculated in a fair manner as decided by the race committee.

We take it that Consistency Results mean results from a Performance Handicap System (PHS) that we will describe in more detail in following section.

We note also that other yacht clubs in Western Australia have PHS results described as Consistency Results. For example, Brighton \& Seacliff Yacht Club hosted the 470 Nationals in Jan-2022 and produced PHS results as well as ET-order results. These were published on their website under the banner "Consistency Races" (https://www.topyacht.net.au/results/bsyc/2021/regattas/470_nationals/series.htm?ty=19716). And, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club show example results from a PHS (see Optimist results below) in their description of Understanding the Consistency Series on their website (https://rfbyc.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/OTB-Results-explained.pdf)

## Understanding the Consistency Series

The Consistency Series consists of a number of races over the season where a performance handicapping system (PHS) is used. In each race a boat is allocated a handicap which changes for each race based on their previous result. The handicap is calculated by a mathematical formula. The idea behind consistency is to give the less experienced skippers a chance to win based on their performance on handicap in each race as opposed to those skippers constantly crossing the finish line in first place. In some cases, a boat still may win on handicap and be the fastest boat in a race. It all depends on how much they improve on their handicap.

| Boats finishing before the Reference boat have their handicaps increased for next race. | Consistency Results Example <br> Optimist PHS results Start : 11:19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Place | Sail No | Boat Name | Skipper | ETOrd | Fin Tim | Elapsd | AHC | Cor'd T | BCH | CHC | Score |
|  | 1 | 1525 | HORSE POWER | Isabelle Charly | 7 | 12:03:21 | 44:21 | 0.871 | 38:38 | 0.923 | 0.897 | 1.0 |
|  | 2 | 565 | LORD OF THE WIND II | Nicholas Cooper | 5 | 12:03:12 | 44:12 | 0.887 | 39:12 | 0.926 | 0.906 | 2.0 |
|  | 3 | 1671 | aqua marine | Sarah Atkinson | 4 | 12:03:04 | 44:04 | 0.900 | 39:40 | 0.929 | 0.914 | 3.0 |
|  | 4 | 1861 | FIREBOLT | Isla Molyneux | 2 | 12:02:21 | 43:21 | 0.928 | 40:14 | 0.944 | 0.936 | 4.0 |
| Reference Boat | 5 | 1506 | SEA SEA | Nicholas Gillham | 9 | 12:04:01 | 45:01 | 0.909 | 40:55 | 0.909 | 0.909 | 5.0 Boat positioned 45\% of the fleet |
|  | 6 | 1682 | ITS ALL G | Lucas Page | 8 | 12:03:23 | 44:23 | 0.929 | 41:14 | 0.922 | 0.925 | 6.0 |
| after the | 7 | 1635 | BEACHED AZ | Valerie Van Der Hoek | 3 | 12:02:23 | 43:23 | 0.969 | 42:02 | 0.943 | 0.956 | 7.0 |
| Reference boat | 8 | 1751 | nauti buoy | Thomas Cooper | 1 | 12:00:50 | 41:50 | 1.026 | 42:55 | 0.978 | 1.002 | 8.0 |
| handicaps | 9 | 1500 | DREAMER | Sophia Charly | 11 | 12:07:47 | 48:47 | 0.894 | 43:37 | 0.839 | 0.867 | 9.0 |
| reduced for | 10 | 1557 | VIVA LA VIDA! | Lia Rafart | 6 | 12:03:19 | 44:19 | 0.995 | 44:06 | 0.923 | 0.965 | 10.0 |
|  | 11 | 202 | FOXTROT | Juliette Van Der Hoek | 10 | 12:06:49 | 47:49 | 0.947 | 45:17 | 0.856 | 0.919 | 11.0 |
|  | 12 | 1480 | GONE WITH THE WIND | Orlando Ligovich | 12 | 12:09:07 | 50:07 | 0.945 | 47:22 | 0.816 | 0.917 | 12.0 |

Abbreviations used in the results

ETOrd = Elapsed Time Order or in other words, across the line order.
AHC = Allocated handicap for the race .
Cor'd T = Corrected Time. Calculated by elapsed time x handicap.

BCH = Back Calculated Handicap. This is the handicap the boat needed for this race to end up with the same corrected time as the Reference boat. This can only be calculated after the race.
CHC = Calculated Handicap. This is the new handicap for the following race.

We will show the Race Scores and Championship Series Results based on ET-order and then describe in general terms how a Performance Handicap System works with explanations of some of the methods used in calculating required quantities such as the Standard Corrected Time STC of a race, a yacht's Back Calculated Handicap BCH, and Calculated Handicap CHC.

We then define a Performance Handicap System for the Windrush State Championships 2023 that contains the sequence of simple mathematical operations required to produce corrected times and then calculated handicaps for a yacht race with an example set of calculations in the form of a spreadsheet.

Finally, we will produce a set of PHS race and series results and a comparison between these and the ETorder results and a discussion of some technical aspects.

## 2. Nomenclature

The following notation has been used

| Symbol | Meaning | Definition |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\alpha$ | weighting factor | $0<\alpha \leq 1$ |
| $A H C$ | allocated handicap |  |
| $B C H$ | back calculated handicap | $B C H=S C T / E T$ |
| $C H C$ | calculated handicap |  |
| $C T$ | corrected time | $C T=E T \times A H C$ |
| DNC | did not start; did not come to the starting area |  |
| DNS | did not start (other than DNC and OCS) |  |
| DNF | did not finish | $E T=$ finish time - start time |
| $E T$ | elapsed time |  |
| $E W M A$ | exponentially weighted moving average |  |
| $G$ | Gain |  |
| $j, k$ | integer counters |  |
| OCS | did not start; on the course side of the starting |  |
| $P I$ | line at her starting signal and failed to start |  |
| $P M$ | performance indicator |  |
| performance multiplier | Retired |  |
| $S C T$ | standard corrected time | $Y S C=100 / A H C$ |
| $t$ | Time | yardstick |

## 3 Race Scores and Championship Series Results (ET-order)

Appendix A shows the Yacht Entry Details for the Windrush State Championships 2023 and the elapsed times ETs for each yacht that finished Races 1 to 6. For each race in each division (Cat, Sloop, Super Sloop) yachts were ordered from least to greatest $E T$ and given race scores 1, 2, 3, etc. Yachts recorded as DNS, DNF, DNC, RET are given a race score equal to one more than the number of entrants in the series division. The compilation of these race scores is shown in Tables 1, 2, and 3 below.

In the Windrush Cat division two boats Dirty Ore and Sea Saw were tied on 11 points after dropping their worst race score. This tie was resolved in Dirty Ore's favour according to rule A8.1 ${ }^{2}$ of the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS).

[^1]| Windrush Cat |  | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |  |  |  |
| Dirty Ore | 6468 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 1 |
| Sea Saw | 6463 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
| Xena | 6469 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 12 | 3 |
| Catatonic | 6466 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 4 |
| Double Shot | 6448 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 39 | 24 | 5 |
| Sirius Lee | 6402 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 36 | 27 | 6 |
| Billy M | 6427 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 43 | 33 | 7 |
| Zephyr | 6449 | 13 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 54 | 41 | 8 |
| Yellow Taxi | 6437 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 57 | 42 | 9 |
| Eagle B | 6408 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 59 | 44 | 10 |
| Yeehar | 6450 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 62 | 47 | 11 |
| Spindrift | 6459 | 9 | 15 | 8 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 72 | 57 | 12 |
| Catastrophe | 6429 | 11 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 73 | 58 | 13 |
| Frisky | 6438 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 88 | 73 | 14 |

Table 1. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Cat division)

| Windrush Sloop |  | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> after <br> drop |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 | Total | Place |  |
| Cat Fish | 6361 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| Buzzbox | 6411 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 2 |
| Steel Cat | 6458 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 24 | 17 | 3 |
| Wild Thing | 6343 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 28 | 21 | 4 |
| Meelup | 6462 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 23 | 5 |
| Quindy | 6416 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 32 | 25 | 6 |

Table 2. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Sloop division)

| Windrush Super Sloop |  | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |  |  |  |
| Cliff Hanger | 6440 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 7 | 1 |
| Feeling Lucky | 6398 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 9 | 2 |
| Ella | 6417 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 23 | 16 | 3 |
| Moment of Madness | 6445 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 18 | 4 |
| Wreckless | 6460 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 29 | 23 | 5 |
| Humm-n | 6394 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 40 | 29 | 6 |
| Emily Jean | 6465 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 44 | 33 | 7 |
| White Knuckle Tight | 6423 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 50 | 39 | 8 |
| Back Door Relief | 6443 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 54 | 43 | 9 |
| Cat Nip | 6395 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 64 | 53 | 10 |

Table 3. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Super Sloop division)

## 4 A Performance Handicap System in Yachting

A Performance Handicap System (PHS) in yachting is a set of rules and mathematical calculations that enable yachts of varying speed potential to compete in races where the yacht with the least corrected time is the winner. A PHS works in the following general way.

1. Yachts entered in a race have handicaps or are given handicaps. These handicaps are numbers, usually somewhere between 0.750 and 1.250 and are known as allocated handicaps AHC.
2. At the completion of the race, each yacht's elapsed time ET (finish time - start time) is determined and then their corrected time $C T$ from the rule $E T \times A H C=C T$.
3. The yachts are then sorted in ascending order from least to greatest corrected time and the yacht with the least corrected time is the handicap winner.
4. The standard corrected time SCT of the race is determined and this may be the corrected time of a selected yacht in the race, or the average corrected time of a group of yachts, or some other acceptable method. The standard corrected time is the corrected time of the standard boat which may be real or imaginary.
5. Each yacht's back calculated handicap $B C H$ is determined from the rule $E T \times B C H=S C T$. There may be some screening of the $B C H$ to detect an anomalous result.
6. Each yacht's performance indicator PI is determined from the rule $P I=B C H-A H C$
7. Each yacht's calculated handicap $C H C$ is determined from a function of its $A H C$ and $P I$ and there may be some further screening of the $C H C$ before it becomes the allocated handicap $A H C$ for its next race.
[Note here that steps 4 to 7 all happen after the handicap winner is determined and are all aimed at producing allocated handicaps for each yacht in their next race.]

The essence of a Performance Handicap System are the rules that enable the adjustment of handicaps after racing. Some of these rules may be arbitrary, some could be based on experience, and some could be in place to achieve desired outcomes. Indeed, a PHS used in one yacht club could be different from that used in another club; or the PHS used for a regatta could be different from the usual club PHS. And a calculated handicap produced by the PHS after a race is related to the number of yachts in that race; their handicaps; the method of calculating the standard corrected time (or selecting the imaginary or real standard boat); and the allowable changes in handicaps. We will now discuss some of the points above in more detail.

### 4.1 Determining the Standard Corrected Time $S C T$ for a race

The standard corrected time $S C T$ for a race is the corrected time of the standard boat, sometimes called the mark boat, that may be a yacht in the fleet or an imaginary yacht. It is obtained from the list of corrected times, sorted in ascending order from least to greatest, of the yachts in the race and there are many different methods.

We will review three methods.

### 4.1.1 Trimmed Fleet Average

World Sailing ${ }^{3}$ in their International Empirical Handicap Scheme for Yachts (see Appendix B) use the average CT excluding the lowest $20 \%$ and highest $40 \%$ of the CTs (rounded down to whole numbers). That is, if there are 10 yachts in the race then $\frac{20}{100} \times 10=2$ and $\frac{40}{100} \times 10=4$, then the CTs of the first two, and the last four yachts are ignored and the $S C T$ is the average of the $C T s$ of yachts placed $3 \mathrm{rd}, 4 \mathrm{th}, 5 \mathrm{th}$, and 6th. If there were 19 yachts in the race then $\frac{20}{100} \times 19=3.8 \rightarrow 3$ and $\frac{40}{100} \times 19=7.6 \rightarrow 7$, then the $C T s$ of the first three, and the last seven yachts are ignored and the $S C T$ is the average of the $C T s$ of yachts placed from 4 th to 12 th.

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### 4.1.2 45\% Boat

TopYacht ${ }^{4}$ in their sailing software documentation suggest that from their experience, the $S C T$ for the race be the $C T$ of the " $45 \%$ boat" where the $45 \%$ boat is the yacht finishing in 45 th place on corrected time in a fleet of 100 yachts. If the $45 \%$ boat is not an integer (a whole number) then the nearest yacht is selected,
e.g., in a fleet of 10 , the $45 \%$ boat is $\frac{45}{100} \times 10=4.5 \rightarrow 4$ th and in a fleet of 19 the $45 \%$ boat is
$\frac{45}{100} \times 19=8.55 \rightarrow 9$ th

### 4.1.3 Median Boat.

The $S C T$ is the median ${ }^{5}$ of the CTs sorted in ascending order from least to greatest. The median, unlike the mean (often described as the average), is not skewed by a small proportion of extremely large or small values and is the value separating the lower-half from the higher-half of CTs. In a fleet of 10 yachts (an even number), the $S C T$ is the average of the $C T s$ of the 5 th and 6 th placed yachts. In a fleet of 19 (an odd number) the $S C T$ is the $C T$ of the yacht finishing in 10 th place.

In this document we have chosen Median Boat as the method of calculating the Standard Corrected Time $S C T$.

### 4.2 Back Calculated Handicap $\mathbf{B C H}$

After the $S C T$ of the race has been determined, each yacht's $B C H$ is obtained from the rule
$E T \times B C H=S C T$ that is rearranged to give $B C H=\frac{S C T}{E T}$.
A yacht's $B C H$ is the handicap number that would produce a corrected time equal to the $S C T$ of the race. This number can only be calculated after the race, hence the terminology Back Calculated when describing this number, and it may or may not be close to the yacht's allocated handicap AHC.

A $B C H$ that is quite different from an $A H C$ may indicate an anomalous result and to guard against this a $B C H$ may be restricted to lie within certain bounds that are expressed as a percentage of a yacht's $A H C$, say for instance, within $\pm p \%$ of the yacht's $A H C$. This is expressed mathematically as the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
A H C\left(1-\frac{p}{100}\right) \leq B C H \leq A H C\left(1+\frac{p}{100}\right) \tag{i}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, if $a=A H C\left(1-\frac{p}{100}\right)$ and $b=A H C\left(1+\frac{p}{100}\right)$ then $a \leq B C H \leq b$ means the $B C H$ is greater than or equal $a$ and less than or equal to $b$ and $a$ and $b$ are the lower and upper bounds respectively of the $B C H$.

For example, suppose that three yachts $X, Y$ and $Z$ whose allocated handicaps AHCs are 1.042, 1.017 and 0.895 have elapsed times ETs of 45,55 and 42 minutes respectively in a race where the standard corrected time SCT equals 47 minutes. The bounds for the back calculated handicaps $B C H s$ are $\pm 15 \%$ of their allocated handicaps, i.e. $p=15$ in (i) above and their $B C H s$ are determined in the following manner.

[^3]Denote their initial BCHs (3 decimal places) as $B C H_{X}^{\prime}=\frac{S C T}{E T_{X}}=\frac{47}{45}=1.044, B C H_{Y}^{\prime}=\frac{47}{55}=0.855$, and $B C H_{Z}^{\prime}=\frac{47}{42}=1.119$, and using these values in (i) gives

Yacht $X$

$$
\begin{gather*}
A H C_{X}(0.85) \leq B C H_{X}^{\prime} \leq A H C_{X}(1.15) \\
0.886 \leq 1.044 \leq 1.198 \tag{ii}
\end{gather*}
$$

$A H C_{Y}(0.85) \leq B C H_{Y}^{\prime} \leq A H C_{Y}(1.15)$
$0.864 \leq 0.855 \leq 1.170$
$A H C_{Z}(0.85) \leq B C H_{Z}^{\prime} \leq A H C_{Z}(1.15)$
$0.761 \leq 1.119 \leq 1.029$
The inequality (ii) is satisfied and $B C H_{X}=B C H_{X}^{\prime}=1.044$. But the inequality (iii) is not satisfied and $B C H_{Y} \neq B C H_{Y}^{\prime}$, instead the lower bound 0.864 is assigned and $B C H_{Y}=0.864$. Similarly, the inequality (iv) is not satisfied and $B C H_{Z} \neq B C H_{Z}^{\prime}$, instead the upper bound 1.029 is assigned and $B C H_{Z}=1.029$ Back calculated handicaps determined using the inequality (i) are constrained to lie within the bounds AHC $\left(1 \pm \frac{p}{100}\right)$. In TopYacht terminology these constrained handicaps are known as clamped.

It is always advisable to flag initial back calculated handicaps that fall outside the bounds $A H C\left(1 \pm \frac{p}{100}\right)$ as they may indicate anomalous results due to entry of incorrect elapsed times, incorrect allocated handicaps or other causes that may require further investigation.

### 4.3 Calculated Handicap CHC

The last part of the process in the production of a new handicap (see steps $6 \& 7$ in Section 5 ) is the calculated handicap $C H C$, and if this doesn't appear to be an anomalous result then the $C H C$ becomes the yacht's allocated handicap $A H C$ for the next race.

There are many ways of determining the $C H C$, for example TopYacht (2021) describe or mention the following methods: Weighted Average, Exponential Average, Place Based Handicapping, Place Biased Exponential Handicapping, Trend Biased Average, Boat Performance Ratio. And World Sailing (2016) apply a system of Weighted Performance Indicators in calculating the $C H C$ (see Appendix B)

We will review three methods.

### 4.3.1 Weighted Performance Indicators (World Sailing)

World Sailing (2016) describe a system of weighted performance indicators that we summarize here.

- After a race, back calculated handicaps $B C H$ are determined as above.
- Performance indicators $P I$ are calculated using $P I=B C H-A H C$.
- Performance multipliers $P M$ are selected from Table 4

| Races completed | Portion of $\boldsymbol{P I}$ | Multiplier $\boldsymbol{P M}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | All | 1 |
| 2 | Half | 0.5 |
| 3 | One third | 0.333333 |
| 4 | One quarter | 0.25 |
| 5 | One fifth | 0.2 |
| Greater than 5 | One fifth | 0.2 |

Table 4. Performance Multipliers, World Sailing (2016)

- Calculate new handicaps using $C H C_{k}=A H C_{k}+\left(P M \times P I_{k}\right)$ where $k$ is the race number, and the subscript $k$ denotes the handicap or performance indicator for the $k^{\text {th }}$ race.

We can see here that the 'weighted performance indicator' is $\frac{1}{\text { Race No. }} \times P I_{k}$ up to and including Race 5 and the weighted performance indicator is $P I_{k} / 5$ for all races after Race 5 .

### 4.3.2 Weighted Average (Top Yacht)

TopYacht (2021) describe a system they call 'weighted average' to obtain the calculated handicap from the handicaps of the race just completed and from races prior to that. We summarise their system as

- Select the number of races $N$ that are to be used in the averaging process.
- Calculated handicaps $C H C$ are given by

$$
C H C_{k}= \begin{cases}\frac{1}{N}\left\{(N-k) A H C_{1}+\sum_{j=1}^{k} B C H_{j}\right\} & \text { for } k<N \\ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=k}^{k-N+1} B C H_{j} & \text { for } k \geq N\end{cases}
$$

where $k$ is the race number and $j$ is an integer and the subscripts $k$ and $j$ denote the handicaps for the $j^{\text {th }}$ and $k^{\text {th }}$ races. $A H C_{1}$ is the allocated handicap for the $1^{\text {st }}$ race.

Suppose that $N=4$ then the calculated handicaps for races $1,2,3, \ldots$, etc. are:

Race 1

$$
C H C_{1}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{(4-1) A H C_{1}+\sum_{j=1}^{1} B C H_{j}\right\}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{(3) A H C_{1}+B C H_{1}\right\}
$$

Race 2

$$
C H C_{2}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{(4-2) A H C_{1}+\sum_{j=1}^{2} B C H_{j}\right\}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{(2) A H C_{1}+B C H_{1}+B C H_{2}\right\}
$$

Race 3

$$
C H C_{3}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{(4-3) A H C_{1}+\sum_{j=1}^{3} B C H_{j}\right\}=\frac{1}{4}\left\{A H C_{1}+B C H_{1}+B C H_{2}+B C H_{3}\right\}
$$

Race 4

$$
\mathrm{CHC}_{4}=\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=4}^{1} \mathrm{BCH}_{j}=\frac{1}{4}\left(\mathrm{BCH}_{4}+\mathrm{BCH}_{3}+\mathrm{BCH}_{2}+\mathrm{BCH}_{1}\right)
$$

Race 5

$$
C H C_{5}=\frac{1}{4} \sum_{j=5}^{2} B C H_{j}=\frac{1}{4}\left(B C H_{5}+\mathrm{BCH}_{4}+\mathrm{BCH}_{3}+\mathrm{BCH}_{2}\right)
$$

etc.

When the race number is equal to or greater than $N$, the calculated handicap is just a simple moving average and there is no 'weighting' involved in these calculations. By studying the sequence of calculated handicaps above and understanding that the allocated handicap is the previous calculated handicap we may write

$$
C H C_{k}=A H C_{k}+\frac{1}{N}\left(B C H_{k}-B C H_{k-N+1}\right) \text { for } k>N
$$

### 4.3.3 Exponentially Weighted Moving Average EWMA

We follow here the work of Hunter ${ }^{6}$ (1986) and the NIST/SEMATECH e-Handbook.
Suppose we have observations $y$ up to and including time $t-1$, that is, our observations form the set $\left\{y_{1}, y_{2}, y_{3}, \ldots, y_{t-2}, y_{t-1}\right\}$ and we wish to forecast or predict the next observation $y_{t}$. We denote our prediction as $\hat{y}_{t}$ and when the actual observation $y_{t}$ becomes available the prediction error is

$$
e_{t}=y_{t}-\hat{y}_{t}
$$

The method of exponential smoothing takes the prediction for the previous period and adds to it a proportion of the prediction error at that previous time to give the next prediction or the update as a recurrence relation (Deakin \& Green 2023, Appendix D)

$$
\hat{y}_{t}= \begin{cases}\mu & \text { for } t=1 \\ \hat{y}_{t-1}+\alpha\left(y_{t-1}-\hat{y}_{t-1}\right) & \text { for } t>1\end{cases}
$$

where $0<\alpha \leq 1$ is a constant known as the weighting factor and $\mu$ is an apriori ${ }^{7}$ value of the data. We can rearrange the recurrence relationship and write the update as

$$
\hat{y}_{t}= \begin{cases}\mu & \text { for } t=1  \tag{}\\ \alpha y_{t-1}+(1-\alpha) \hat{y}_{t-1} & \text { for } t>1\end{cases}
$$

Hunter (1986) describes this recurrence relation as the Exponentially Weighted Moving Average EWMA.

Using $\left(^{*}\right)$ in a sequence gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{2} & =\alpha y_{1}+(1-\alpha) \mu \\
\hat{y}_{3} & =\alpha y_{2}+(1-\alpha) \hat{y}_{2} \\
& =\alpha y_{2}+(1-\alpha)\left\{\alpha y_{1}+(1-\alpha) \mu\right\} \\
& =\alpha y_{2}+\alpha(1-\alpha) y_{1}+(1-\alpha)^{2} \mu \\
\hat{y}_{4} & =\alpha y_{3}+(1-\alpha) \hat{y}_{3} \\
& =\alpha y_{3}+(1-\alpha)\left\{\alpha y_{2}+\alpha(1-\alpha) y_{1}+(1-\alpha)^{2} \mu\right\} \\
& =\alpha y_{3}+\alpha(1-\alpha) y_{2}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{2} y_{1}+(1-\alpha)^{3} \mu
\end{aligned}
$$

and from this sequence we can write a general form as

$$
\hat{y}_{t}=\left[\sum_{k=1}^{t-1} \alpha(1-\alpha)^{k-1} y_{t-k}\right]+(1-\alpha)^{t-1} \mu \quad \text { for } \quad t>1
$$

And for $t=5$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
\hat{y}_{5} & =\left[\sum_{k=1}^{4} \alpha(1-\alpha)^{k-1} y_{5-k}\right]+(1-\alpha)^{5-1} \mu \\
& =\left[\alpha(1-\alpha)^{0} y_{4}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{1} y_{3}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{2} y_{2}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{3} y_{1}\right]+(1-\alpha)^{4} \mu \\
& =\alpha y_{4}+\alpha(1-\alpha) y_{3}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{2} y_{2}+\alpha(1-\alpha)^{3} y_{1}+(1-\alpha)^{4} \mu
\end{aligned}
$$
\]

Suppose a weight is a number that reflects relative importance - larger weights reflecting more importance then letting weights $w_{4}=\alpha, w_{3}=\alpha(1-\alpha), w_{2}=\alpha(1-\alpha)^{2}, w_{1}=\alpha(1-\alpha)^{3}$ gives

$$
\hat{y}_{5}=w_{4} y_{4}+w_{3} y_{3}+w_{2} y_{2}+w_{1} y_{1}+(1-\alpha)^{4} \mu
$$

and for $\alpha=2 / 3$ and $1-\alpha=1 / 3$ the weights are

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
w_{4}=\alpha & =0.666667 \\
w_{3}=\alpha(1-\alpha) & =0.222222 \\
w_{2}=\alpha(1-\alpha)^{2} & =0.074074 \\
w_{1}=\alpha(1-\alpha)^{3} & =0.024691
\end{array}
$$

This demonstrates the exponential nature of the weights in the calculation of $\hat{y}_{t}$ where the weights are tending to zero and the difference between successive weights is also tending to zero. It should be noted here that the last term in the summation for $\hat{y}_{5}$ is $(1-\alpha)^{4} \mu$ and for $\alpha=2 / 3$ then $(1-\alpha)^{4}=0.012346$ and for any $t$ this coefficient is $(1-\alpha)^{t-1}$ and for the calculation of $\hat{y}_{10}$ then the coefficient $(1-\alpha)^{9}=0.000051$.

If we assume that allocated handicaps AHCs are values predicted from past performances in yacht races then we can denote these as $\hat{y}_{t-1}, \hat{y}_{t-2}, \hat{y}_{t-3}, \ldots$ and at each of these prior races the measurements or observations related to performance were the back calculated handicaps $B C H s$ denoted as $y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, y_{t-3}, \ldots$ then we can use (*) and write

$$
\begin{equation*}
A H C_{t}=\alpha B C H_{t-1}+(1-\alpha) A H C_{t-1} \text { for } 0<\alpha \leq 1 \text { and } t>1 \tag{**}
\end{equation*}
$$

and recognising that $A H C_{t}=C H C_{t-1}$ and that the performance indicator $P I=B C H-A H C$ then we may write for each yacht in a race

$$
\begin{equation*}
C H C=\alpha B C H+(1-\alpha) A H C=\alpha P I+A H C \tag{***}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $\alpha=1 / 3$ we have the common rule $C H C=\frac{1}{3} B C H+\frac{2}{3} A H C=\frac{1}{3} P I+A H C$
TopYacht (2021) describe a method they call 'exponential average' to obtain the calculated handicap.
We summarise their system as

- $\quad$ Select the gain $G$
- If $G \geq 1$ is an integer, say $1,2,3, \ldots$ then the calculated handicap is

$$
C H C=\frac{1}{G} B C H+\left(\frac{G-1}{G}\right) A H C \text { for } G \geq 1
$$

- If $G \geq 0$ is a percentage, say $10 \%(G=10), 20 \%(G=20), \ldots$ then the calculated handicap is

$$
C H C=\frac{G}{100} B C H+\left(\frac{100-G}{100}\right) A H C \text { for } 0 \leq G \leq 100
$$

If the gain $G=3$ then

$$
C H C=\frac{1}{3} B C H+\frac{2}{3} A H C
$$

It is very common, in Victorian yachting, to use a gain $G=3$ (or $G=33$ if $G$ is a percentage)
We can see from the development above that our equation $\left({ }^{*}\right)$ that is the Exponentially Weighted Moving Average $E W M A$ can be expressed in the form (***) and if we replace $\alpha$ with $1 / G$ we have TopYacht's equation for $C H C$.

In this document we have chosen the method of Exponentially Weighted Moving Average EWMA to determine the calculated handicap $C H C$ and we choose a weighting factor $\alpha=1 / 3$

We now define a Performance Handicap System for the Windrush State Championships 2023

## 5 Performance Handicap System: Windrush State Championships

The rules for the Performance Handicap System to be used for the Windrush State Championships 2023 are shown below.

- Each yacht in a race will have an allocated handicap $A H C$ and this handicap will be the calculated handicap $C H C$ from the previous race. If there is no previous $C H C$ then one will be allocated by the Race Committee according to the rules set out below. Then for each yacht in the race, the following sequence of calculations will apply.
- Elapsed time:
$E T=$ finish time of yacht - start time of race
- Corrected time:
$C T=E T \times A H C$
- Standard Corrected Time: $\quad S C T$ will be the median of the $C T s$ of the yachts in the race.
- Back Calculated Handicap: $\quad B C H=\frac{S C T}{E T}$ and $B C H$ is constrained such that

$$
A H C\left(1-\frac{p}{100}\right) \leq B C H \leq A H C\left(1+\frac{p}{100}\right) \text { where } p=15
$$

- Performance Indicator: $\quad P I=B C H-A H C$
- Calculated Handicap: $\quad C H C=\alpha B C H+(1-\alpha) A H C=\alpha P I+A H C$ where $\alpha=1 / 3$


## Example Performance Handicap System spreadsheet

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | $A H C+(P I / 3)$ |
| 6467 | Dirty Ore | 0:22:11 | 1.150 | 0:25:31 | 1 | 1.374 | 1.323 | 0.173 | 1.208 |
| 6451 | Jeez | 0:29:18 | 0.997 | 0:29:12 | 2 | 1.040 | 1.040 | 0.044 | 1.011 |
| 6448 | Breeze | 0:29:44 | 0.989 | 0:29:24 | 3 | 1.025 | 1.025 | 0.036 | 1.001 |
| 6426 | Billy Bob | 0:29:08 | 1.026 | 0:29:54 | 4 | 1.046 | 1.046 | 0.020 | 1.033 |
| 6464 | Seen It All | 0:26:46 | 1.139 | 0:30:29 | 5 | 1.139 | 1.139 | 0.000 | 1.139 |
| 6450 | Single Shot | 0:27:38 | 1.109 | 0:30:38 | 6 | 1.103 | 1.103 | -0.006 | 1.107 |
| 6465 | Catnap | 0:26:53 | 1.154 | 0:31:01 | 7 | 1.134 | 1.134 | -0.020 | 1.147 |
| 6489 | Zena | 0:27:16 | 1.150 | 0:31:22 | 8 | 1.118 | 1.118 | -0.032 | 1.139 |
| 6407 | Seriously | 0:33:12 | 1.083 | 0:35:58 | 9 | 0.918 | 0.921 | -0.162 | 1.029 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 30: 29$

Note in the example spreadsheet that Seen It All is the median boat ( $5^{\text {th }}$ place on corrected time) and boats finishing above (with lesser corrected times and positive performance indicators PIs) have calculated
handicaps CHCs less than their allocated handicaps AHCs. Boats finishing below the median boat have negative PIs and CHCs greater than their AHCs.
Appendix C has some information on Performance Handicap Systems used at two other clubs: Fremantle Sailing Club, Western Australia and Mordialloc Sailing Club, Victoria. There is some different terminology (Fremantle use Yardstick to describe the standard corrected time of the race) but both describe a similar PHS to the one we have defined in this section, and they both propose the calculation of $C H C s$ as we have but with slightly different values for $\alpha$.

### 5.1 Handicaps, Ratings, Yardsticks

A yacht's PHS derived handicap is different from a yacht's rating which is a numerical measure of potential speed based upon the yacht's parameters, e.g., waterline length, beam, displacement, sail area, etc. and a sequence of mathematical formula related to the physics of hydrodynamics and aerodynamics as applied to yachting force models. There are several measurement systems that give yacht ratings, e.g., The International Offshore Rule (IOR), the Chanel Rating System (CHS), the International Measurement System (IMS) and the International Rating Certificate (IRC). Ratings are usually associated with keelboats.

A yacht's yardstick is a number in the range $60-180$ and usually associated with classes of dinghies (monohulls), catamarans (multihulls) and trailerable keelboats. The aim of a yardstick is to provide a basis for different classes of yachts to compete fairly when sailed together in mixed fleets. Australian Sailing maintains a list of yardsticks for yacht classes in collaboration with UK and US yachting associations and for calculations like the PHS described above has the following definitions.

- Elapsed time ET is the time taken for a boat to sail a proper course,
- Corrected time CT is the elapsed time divided by the boat's class yardstick YS and multiplied by 100. That is $C T=\left(\frac{E T}{Y S}\right) \times 100$
- Standard Boat Time $S B T$ is the corrected time for the first boat on corrected times to sail a proper course. Alternatively, a consistently sailed boat finishing in the top five of the fleet on corrected time, can be taken as the standard boat.
- Back Calculated Yardstick BCYS is the corrected time divided by the standard boat time and multiplied by its own yardstick. That is $B C Y S=\left(\frac{C T}{S B T}\right) \times Y S$
- Performance Factor PF is the BCYS divided by the boat's class yardstick. This is used to rate the class yardstick.


### 5.2 Relationships between Yardsticks and Handicaps

From the Yardstick definitions and the rules for the Performance Handicap System (PHS) defined above we may obtain $A H C=\frac{100}{Y S}$ and if $S C T=S B T$ then $\frac{100}{B C Y S}=\frac{S C T}{E T}=B C H$

| Boat Class | Yardstick | AHC | Boat Class | Yardstick | AHC |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Windrush 4.3 cat | 94 | 1.064 | Laser 4.7 | 125 | 0.800 |
| Windrush 4.3 Sloop | 89 | 1.124 | Pacer | 127.5 | 0.784 |
| Windrush 4.3 Super Sloop | 87 | 1.149 | 14 ft Skiff | 84 | 1.190 |
| Windrush 4.3 Super Sloop Spin | 84 | 1.190 | 29 er | 96.5 | 1.036 |
| Laser | 114 | 0.877 | Minnow | 168.5 | 0.593 |
| Laser Radial | 118.5 | 0.844 | Flying Ant | 136 | 0.735 |

Table 5. Some Yardsticks and Handicaps

### 5.3 Allocation of handicaps by Trial Races

It is proposed that three Trial Races be used to determine a yacht's allocated handicap $A H C$. These Trial Races will be Races 1,2 , and 3 of the championship series. Only yachts with elapsed times in each of these three races will have an $A H C$ by this method.

In each of the three Trial Races the PHS defined in this section will be used with a common $A H C$ that is equal to 100 divided by the class yardstick (see Table 5). This will yield three calculated handicaps
$\mathrm{CHC}_{1}, \mathrm{CHC}_{2}$, and $\mathrm{CHC}_{3}$ and the allocated handicap for each yacht after the trial will be
$A H C=\frac{\mathrm{CHC}_{1}+\mathrm{CHC}_{2}+\mathrm{CHC}_{3}}{3}$

### 5.4 Allocation of handicaps by the Race Committee

For yachts not included in the trail races, the average value of the CHCs for that yacht's division (Cat, Sloop, or Super Sloop) will be assigned as the yacht's AHC.

## 6 Trial Races for Initial Handicaps

Races 1, 2, and 3 of the championship series were used as Trial Races for determining initial handicaps and the eligible yachts are shown in Appendix A, Table A2 with an asterisk. These yachts all completed Races 1, 2 , and 3, noting that Catatonic was not selected as she was the only yacht in Race 2 that sailed the proper course, and her elapsed time could be considered an anomaly for the purposes of establishing initial handicaps.

The results of the Trial Races are shown in Appendix D noting that in each of the trial races a yachts AHC is derived from the class yardstick (see Table 5), i.e., Cat division $A H C=1.064$, Sloop division $A H C=$ 1.124, and Super Sloop division $A H C=1.149$.

### 6.1 Allocated Handicaps AHCs for Race 1

The calculated handicaps $\mathrm{CHC}_{1}, \mathrm{CHC}_{2}$, and $\mathrm{CHC}_{3}$ and the Average $=\frac{\mathrm{CHC}_{1}+\mathrm{CHC}_{2}+\mathrm{CHC}_{3}}{3}$ for each yacht in the Trial Races (see Appendix D) is shown in Tables 6, 7, and 8 below, and these averages will become the allocated handicap $A H C$ for each yacht in Race 1. For example, in the Cat division Sirius Lee will have an $A H C=1.071$, Billy $M$ will have an $A H C=1.042$, etc. In the Sloop division Wild Thing will have an $A H C=1.113$, Cat Fish will have an $A H C=1.170$, etc., and in the Super Sloop division Feeling Lucky will have an $A H C=1.156$, Ella will have an $A H C=1.152$, etc.

Yachts that were not eligible for the Trial Races will have the average of the averages as their allocated handicap. For example, in the Cat division Eagle B, Frisky, Double Shot, Yeehar, Spindrift, Catatonic, and Xena will all have an $A H C=1.059$ and in the Sloop division Meelup will have an $A H C=1.131$

| Sail No | Boat | Calculated Handicaps |  |  | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 |  |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 1.075 | 1.072 | 1.066 | 1.071 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 1.053 | 1.011 | 1.062 | 1.042 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 1.041 | 1.011 | 1.011 | 1.021 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 1.051 | 1.057 | 1.011 | 1.039 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 1.011 | 1.029 | 1.011 | 1.017 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 1.091 | 1.098 | 1.086 | 1.092 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 1.093 | 1.093 | 1.103 | 1.096 |
| 6469 | Xena | 1.093 | 1.096 | 1.096 | 1.095 |

Table 6. Initial Handicaps for Windrush Cat division.

| Sail No | Boat | Calculated Handicaps |  |  | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 |  |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 1.115 | 1.124 | 1.101 | 1.113 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 1.180 | 1.151 | 1.180 | 1.170 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 1.180 | 1.148 | 1.180 | 1.169 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 1.084 | 1.071 | 1.123 | 1.093 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 1.124 | 1.081 | 1.124 | 1.110 |

Table 7. Initial Handicaps for Windrush Sloop division.

| Sail No | Boat | Calculated Handicaps |  |  | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 |  |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 1.156 | 1.154 | 1.158 | 1.156 |
| 6417 | Ella | 1.150 | 1.151 | 1.156 | 1.152 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 1.123 | 1.137 | 1.125 | 1.128 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 1.153 | 1.155 | 1.191 | 1.166 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 1.140 | 1.141 | 1.116 | 1.133 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 1.151 | 1.149 | 1.147 | 1.149 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 1.148 | 1.149 | 1.151 | 1.149 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 1.147 | 1.143 | 1.115 | 1.135 |

Table 8. Initial Handicaps for Windrush Super Sloop division.

## 7 Performance Handicap Race Scores and Series Results

Appendix E shows the Performance Handicap System (PHS) results for Races 1 to 6. For each race in each division (Cat, Sloop, Super Sloop) yachts were ordered from least to greatest $C T$ and given race scores 1,2 , 3, etc. Yachts recorded as DNS, DNF, DNC, RET are given a race score equal to one more than the number of entrants in the series division. The compilation of these race scores is shown in Tables 9, 10, and 11.

| Windrush Cat |  | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |  |  |  |
| Dirty Ore | 6468 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 1 |
| Xena | 6469 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 17 | 2 |
| Catatonic | 6466 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 33 | 18 | 3 |
| Sea Saw | 6463 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 4 |
| Zephyr | 6449 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 39 | 26 | 5 |
| Billy M | 6427 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 36 | 26 | 6 |
| Double Shot | 6448 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 42 | 27 | 7 |
| Sirius Lee | 6402 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 42 | 31 | 8 |
| Yellow Taxi | 6437 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 12 | 15 | 51 | 36 | 9 |
| Eagle B | 6408 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 52 | 37 | 10 |
| Yeehar | 6450 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 61 | 46 | 11 |
| Catastrophe | 6429 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 15 | 15 | 65 | 50 | 12 |
| Spindrift | 6459 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 15 | 76 | 61 | 13 |
| Frisky | 6438 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 88 | 73 | 14 |

Table 9. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Performance Handicap Cat division).

| Windrush Sloop |  | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |  |  |  |
| Cat Fish | 6361 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 1 |
| Buzzbox | 6411 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 2 |
| Steel Cat | 6458 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 18 | 3 |
| Wild Thing | 6343 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 26 | 19 | 4 |
| Meelup | 6462 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 27 | 20 | 5 |
| Quindy | 6416 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 30 | 23 | 6 |

Table 10. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Performance Handicap Sloop division).

| Windrush Super Sloop | Race Series Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total <br> after <br> Trop | Place |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Ella | 6417 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 1 |
| Feeling Lucky | 6398 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 14 | 2 |
| Cliff Hanger | 6440 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 3 |
| Moment of Madness | 6445 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 4 |
| Wreckless | 6460 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 27 | 21 | 5 |
| White Knuckle Tight | 6423 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 37 | 26 | 6 |
| Emily Jean | 6465 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 39 | 28 | 7 |
| Humm-n | 6394 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 43 | 32 | 8 |
| Back Door Relief | 6443 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 52 | 41 | 9 |
| Cat Nip | 6395 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 64 | 53 | 10 |

Table 11. 2023 Windrush State Championships (Performance Handicap Super Sloop division).

## 8 Discussion

Inspection of the $E T$-order results (Section 3) and the PHS results (Section 7) reveal that the same yachts make up the 'top-four' in each division in both scoring systems. This is shown in Tables 12, 13, and 14.

| Windrush Cat |  | Race Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Scoring system | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Dirty Ore | ET | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 1 |
|  | PHS | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 1 |
| Sea Saw | ET | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
|  | PHS | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 4 |
| Xena | ET | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 12 | 3 |
|  | PHS | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 17 | 2 |
| Catatonic | ET | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 4 |
|  | PHS | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 33 | 18 | 3 |

Table 12. Top-four yachts in Cat division.

| Windrush Sloop |  | Race Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Scoring system | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Cat Fish | ET | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
|  | PHS | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 1 |
| Buzzbox | ET | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 2 |
|  | PHS | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 2 |
| Steel Cat | ET | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 24 | 17 | 3 |
|  | PHS | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 25 | 18 | 3 |
| Wild Thing | ET | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 28 | 21 | 4 |
|  | PHS | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 26 | 19 | 4 |

Table 13. Top-four yachts in Sloop division.

| Windrush Super Sloop |  | Race Scores |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Total after drop | Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Scoring system | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Ella | ET | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 1 |
|  | PHS | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 1 |
| Feeling Lucky | ET | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 2 |
|  | PHS | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 27 | 19 | 4 |
| Cliff Hanger | ET | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 12 | 3 |
|  | PHS | 3 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 27 | 17 | 2 |
| Moment of Madness | ET | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 4 |
|  | PHS | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 33 | 18 | 3 |

Table 14. Top-four yachts in Super Sloop division.
It is often assumed that a handicap system will have a levelling effect and spread the top results more evenly amongst the fleet. This is more likely to be true in a longer series of races, say in a club championship season. For a relatively short series (six races with a drop) this overall levelling effect is less obvious, but in the Cat Division the winners of races were: Race 1 Double Shot ( $7^{\text {th }}$ overall), Race 2 Catatonic ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ ), Race 3 Billy $M\left(6^{\text {th }}\right)$, Race 4 Yellow Taxi $\left(9^{\text {th }}\right)$, Race 5 Zephyr $\left(5^{\text {th }}\right)$, and Race 6 Eagle $B\left(10^{\text {th }}\right)$. So, five of the six race winners didn't finish in the top-four overall and that could be thought of as a plus for the handicap system.

It is also worth noting that the handicaps of the top-four yachts were generally increasing as the series progressed whilst those in the middle to lower group where generally decreasing. This would indicate that the top end of the fleet was improving (sailing above their handicaps) and the others were maintaining their performance or perhaps failing to improve - noting that in a short series, a poor performance in a single race can have an undesirable effect on the handicap, and the allowed bounds on the $B C H$ of $\pm 15 \%$ of the $A H C$ did mean some relatively large fluctuations in the BCHs and the AHCs for subsequent races.

As an example, consider the following four yachts in the Cat division

| Yacht | Allocated Handicaps AHCs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |  |
| Dirty Ore (1 $\left.1^{\text {st }}\right)$ | 1.096 | 1.118 | 1.128 | 1.148 | 1.178 | 1.119 |  |
| Sea Saw (2 $\left.{ }^{\text {nd }}\right)$ | 1.092 | 1.118 | 1.133 | 1.134 | 1.145 | 1.143 |  |
| Billy M (6 $\left.6^{\text {th }}\right)$ | 1.042 | 1.042 | 0.990 | 1.105 | 1.013 | 1.013 |  |
| Eagle B (10 $\left.{ }^{\text {th }}\right)$ | 1.059 | 1.034 | 0.993 | 0.993 | 0.943 | 0.964 |  |

Table 15. Allocated handicaps $A H C s$ for selected yachts in the Cat division.

A plot of these yachts' handicaps is shown in Figure 1


Figure 1. Plot of Allocated Handicaps over the six-race series
As mentioned above, the PHS we have used has bounds on the $B C H$ of $A H C\left(1 \pm \frac{p}{100}\right)$ where $p=15$ and this can probably be regarded as quite large. Most other clubs using PHS would have a value of 4 or 5 for $p$. Thus, our system allows relatively large fluctuations in the $B C H s$ and subsequent $A H C s$ and we have investigated the fluctuations of the $B C H s$ for the Cat division to see if $p=15$ is a reasonable value.

| Division | Races |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | Entrants |
| Cat | 13 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 14 |
| Sloop | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Super Sloop | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 10 |

Table 16. Number of finishers in each race
Table 16 shows that for the Cat division there were $13+9+12+12+13+9=68$ finishers in the 6 -race series and there were 68 calculations of a $B C H=\frac{S C T}{E T}$ and this handicap value could be thought of as being equal to a function of the $A H C$ and a parameter $p$ that can be expressed as $B C H=\frac{S C T}{E T}=A H C\left(1+\frac{p}{100}\right)$ where $p$ can take positive and negative values. This can be rearranged as

$$
p=\left(\frac{B C H}{A H C}-1\right) 100=\left(\frac{S C T}{C T}-1\right) 100
$$

The values of $p$ were calculated for each of the 68 finishers in the Cat division and are tabulated in a stem and leaf plot where for $p=19.6$ the 'stem' is 19 and the 'leaf' is 6 and for the three values $p=\{-2.1,-2.5,-2.5\}$ the (common) stem is -2 and the leaves are $1,5,5$

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Figure 2. Stem-and-leaf plot of $x$
From the data in Figure 2, 54 values of $p$ lie between $\pm 15$, i.e., $79 \%$ of the data lie between $\pm 15$. And 30 values (44\%) lie between $\pm 5$. In the PHS we have chosen $p=15$

It also should be borne in mind that in the PHS, the calculated handicap $C H C=\alpha B C H+(1-\alpha) A H C$ where $\alpha=1 / 3$ or $C H C=\frac{1}{3} B C H+\frac{2}{3} A H C$ and the effect of a relatively large change in $B C H$ is somewhat damped.

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## APPENDIX A

## Yacht Entry Details for Windrush State Championships 2023

| Division | Yacht Name | Sail No. | Helm Name | Crew Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cat | Sirius Lee | 6402 | Leanne Jones |  |
| Cat | Eagle B | 6408 | John Lethlean |  |
| Cat | Billy M | 6427 | Michael Mogridge |  |
| Cat | Catastrophe | 6429 | Jon Hall |  |
| Cat | Yellow Taxi | 6437 | Eion Lindsay |  |
| Cat | Frisky | 6438 | Herman Gerritsen |  |
| Cat | Double Shot | 6448 | Ric Edwards |  |
| Cat | Zephyr | 6449 | Madeleine Stephens |  |
| Cat | Yeehar | 6450 | Nicole Doick |  |
| Cat | Spindrift | 6459 | Julie Plummer |  |
| Cat | Sea Saw | 6463 | Craig Saunders |  |
| Cat | Catatonic | 6466 | Peter Hawley |  |
| Cat | Dirty Ore | 6468 | Paul Waters |  |
| Cat | Xena | 6469 | Iain Stephens |  |
| Sloop | Wild Thing | 6343 | Ben McCarthy | Leo McDonald |
| Sloop | Cat Fish | 6361 | Jayson Watchorn | Daniel Watchorn |
| Sloop | Buzzbox | 6411 | Mal Buzza | Evan Walsh |
| Sloop | Quindy | 6416 | Rob Egerton-Warburton | Zara Egerton-Warburton |
| Sloop | Steel Cat | 6458 | Duncan Robertson | Lee Robertson |
| Sloop | Meelup | 6462 | Brian Innes | ? Innes |
| Super Sloop | Humm-n | 6394 | Brett Bassett |  |
| Super Sloop | Cat Nip | 6395 | Michael Shellabear |  |
| Super Sloop | Feeling Lucky | 6398 | Harry Thurecht |  |
| Super Sloop | Ella | 6417 | Roger Thurecht |  |
| Super Sloop | White Knuckle Tight | 6423 | William Thomas |  |
| Super Sloop | Cliff Hanger | 6440 | Cliff Rolfe |  |
| Super Sloop | Back Door Relief | 6443 | Chris Westley |  |
| Super Sloop | Moment of Madness | 6445 | Alec Duncan |  |
| Super Sloop | Wreckless | 6460 | Stephen Gallagher |  |
| Super Sloop | Emily Jean | 6465 | Nathan Wood |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Table A1.

## Elapsed Times for Windrush State Championships 2023

| Windrush Cat division |  | Elapsed Times |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |
| Sirius Lee* | 6402 | 0:42:29 | 0:44:27 | 0:39:44 | 0:29:12 | 0:37:42 | 0:43:43 |
| Eagle B | 6408 | 0:47:52 | 0:52:59 | DNS | 0:34:48 | 0:43:51 | 0:35:43 |
| Billy M ${ }^{*}$ | 6427 | 0:45:14 | 0:57:34 | 0:40:16 | 0:29:08 | 0:43:36 | 0:36:30 |
| Catastrophe* | 6429 | 0:46:51 | 0:57:07 | 0:54:54 | 0:32:17 | DNS | RET |
| Yellow Taxi ${ }^{*}$ | 6437 | 0:45:34 | 0:46:21 | 0:52:56 | 0:27:38 | 1:04:19 | DNF |
| Frisky | 6438 | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | 1:05:50 | RET |
| Double Shot | 6448 | 0:40:45 | DNS | 0:38:16 | 0:27:16 | 0:39:04 | 0:39:55 |
| Zephyr* | 6449 | 0:52:00 | 0:50:24 | 0:53:43 | 0:29:44 | 0:39:05 | 0:42:14 |
| Yeehar | 6450 | 0:45:49 | DNS | 0:52:46 | 0:29:18 | 0:57:52 | 0:43:00 |
| Spindrift | 6459 | 0:45:40 | DNS | 0:52:36 | DNS | 0:53:27 | DNF |
| Sea Saw ${ }^{*}$ | 6463 | 0:40:18 | 0:41:27 | 0:37:41 | 0:25:11 | 0:38:49 | 0:34:33 |
| Catatonic | 6466 | 0:42:05 | 0:29:11 | 0:38:43 | 0:26:46 | 0:35:37 | DNF |
| Dirty Ore* | 6468 | 0:40:33 | 0:41:57 | 0:36:04 | 0:23:46 | 0:44:22 | 0:31:57 |
| Xena* | 6469 | 0:40:30 | 0:41:41 | 0:36:40 | 0:26:53 | 0:38:57 | 0:31:28 |
| Windrush Sloop division |  | Elapsed Times |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |
| Wild Thing* | 6343 | 0:55:40 | 0:42:48 | 0:50:56 | 0:32:50 | DNF | 0:43:00 |
| Cat Fish* | 6361 | 0:40:40 | 0:39:55 | 0:38:05 | 0:24:11 | 0:43:07 | 0:33:44 |
| Buzzbox* | 6411 | 0:42:10 | 0:40:14 | 0:38:07 | DNS | 0:44:18 | 0:33:58 |
| Quindy* | 6416 | 1:00:54 | 0:49:47 | 0:47:56 | 0:30:17 | DNS | RET |
| Steel Cat* | 6458 | 0:54:20 | 0:48:24 | 0:47:46 | 0:26:40 | 0:52:05 | RET |
| Meelup | 6462 | DNF | 0:50:00 | 0:48:42 | 0:26:29 | 0:46:50 | RET |
| Windrush Super Sloop division |  | Elapsed Times |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yacht Name | Sail No. | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 | Race 6 |
| Humm-n | 6394 | 0:47:49 | 0:42:54 | DNS | 0:20:30 | 0:41:59 | RET |
| Cat Nip | 6395 | 0:49:08 | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNF | RET |
| Feeling Lucky ${ }^{*}$ | 6398 | 0:46:00 | 0:41:37 | 0:36:36 | 0:21:37 | 0:41:33 | 0:31:51 |
| Ella* | 6417 | 0:46:49 | 0:41:57 | 0:36:42 | 0:21:25 | 0:55:50 | 0:31:56 |
| White Knuckle Tight* | 6423 | 0:50:19 | 0:43:31 | 0:39:58 | 0:21:50 | 0:58:00 | RET |
| Cliff Hanger ${ }^{*}$ | 6440 | 0:46:25 | 0:41:30 | 0:33:45 | 0:20:40 | 0:43:19 | 0:30:15 |
| Back Door Relief* | 6443 | 0:47:58 | 0:43:00 | 0:40:56 | 0:32:34 | DNF | RET |
| Moment of Madness* | 6445 | 0:46:35 | 0:42:05 | 0:37:39 | 0:22:34 | 0:39:04 | 0:34:28 |
| Wreckless* | 6460 | 0:46:57 | 0:42:10 | 0:37:11 | 0:21:42 | 0:54:54 | 0:32:10 |
| Emily Jean* | 6465 | 0:47:10 | 0:42:48 | 0:41:05 | 0:22:34 | 0:44:58 | DNF |

Table A2. Elapsed times for Windrush State Championships 2023 (Sail No. order).
Yachts marked with an asterisk are eligible for Trial Races.
(Times are in hh:mm:ss format where h,m,s are hour, minute, second respectively).
In Table A2 the following abbreviations are used. $\mathrm{DNC}=$ Did not start; did not come to the starting area. DNS = Did not start (other than DNC and OCS). DNF = Did not finish. OCS = Did not start; on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start. RET $=$ Retired

## APPENDIX B

## WORLD SAILING ${ }^{8}$ - INTERNATIONAL EMPIRICAL HANDICAP SCHEME FOR YACHTS

Welcome to the World Sailing Empirical Handicap Scheme for Yachts. As the name suggests the scheme is intended to permit yachts, generally displacement boats with keels, of varying designs to race against each other and after racing determine, by calculation, the race results by excluding the performance differences of the boats themselves. The scheme is an empirical handicap scheme, that is a scheme where after racing the relative performance of each boat - their handicap, is determined from the times it took each boat to complete the race.

World Sailing provides this scheme to any race organiser who wishes to use it. It is intended to operate in isolation at local/race organiser level requiring no input to or from World Sailing or elsewhere. World Sailing does however offer users a basic method of handicap allocation to a boat for use in its first race.

Before using the scheme an organiser needs to address four factors:-

- The allocation of a boats handicap for its first race
- How to calculate race results
- How to adjust a boats handicap after racing
- Whether or not to attempt to exclude the varying skills of crews from the calculations


## The allocation of a boats handicap for its first race

A boats handicap is expressed as a number based about 1. Faster boats handicaps will be higher than 1 with slow boats handicaps less than 1 . Generally, the range of handicaps will be no more than 1.2 and no less than 0.8.

It would never be wrong for a race organiser to allocate a first race handicap based on their own subjective opinion of a boat. If the organiser considers the boat to be of average performance, then a handicap of 1 would suit. If, however the organiser considers the boat faster than the fleet average then a handicap above 1 in the range of say 1 to1.2 would be appropriate. If the performance is thought to be below average, then a handicap of less than 1 in the range of 0.8 to 1 should be used.

Alternatively, if the race organiser wishes the first race handicap could be allocated using the basic calculator at the following link - .

Whatever the case the handicap number used to calculate the race results for a boat in its first and subsequent races should be adjusted before use in the boats next race.

## How to calculate race results

The results of a race are determined by comparing the corrected times for each boat with the least time being the race winner, the next least second place and so on for each boat completing in the race.

The corrected time (CT) for each boat is calculated by multiplying its elapsed time (ET), that is the time it took to complete the race, by its handicap (H) i.e. CT $=\mathrm{ET} \times \mathrm{H}$

[^5]An example of the calculations and how best to set this out is shown below.

Example 1 - Race Results

| Sail No | Boat | Finish Time | Elapsed Time <br> (ET) | Handicap (H) | Corrected <br> Time (CT) | Finishing <br> Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | A | $14: 56: 37$ | $01: 26: 37$ | 1.079 | $01: 33: 28$ | 3 |
| 2 | B | $15: 12: 36$ | $01: 42: 36$ | 0.957 | $01: 38: 11$ | 8 |
| 3 | C | $15: 18: 24$ | $01: 48: 24$ | 0.929 | $01: 40: 42$ | 9 |
| 4 | D | $15: 03: 59$ | $01: 33: 59$ | 1.008 | $01: 34: 44$ | 4 |
| 5 | E | $15: 04: 21$ | $01: 34: 21$ | 1.005 | $01: 34: 49$ | 5 |
| 6 | F | $15: 04: 44$ | $01: 34: 44$ | 1.004 | $01: 35: 07$ | 6 |
| 7 | G | $15: 02: 29$ | $01: 32: 29$ | 1.003 | $01: 32: 46$ | 2 |
| 8 | H | $15: 15: 44$ | $01: 45: 44$ | 0.948 | $01: 40: 14$ | 10 |
| 9 | I | $15: 07: 14$ | $01: 37: 14$ | 0.982 | $01: 35: 29$ | 7 |
| 10 | J | $14: 53: 17$ | $01: 23: 17$ | 1.074 | $01: 29: 27$ | 1 |

Start Time $=13: 30: 00$

## How to adjust a boats handicap after racing

The life blood of empirical handicap racing is the adjustment of handicaps after racing. Without this race results and the scheme will soon become meaningless.

The World Sailing empirical handicap scheme attempts to adjust the handicap of each boat based on the standard corrected time (SCT) of the fleet which is the average CT excluding the lowest $20 \%$ and highest $40 \%$ of the CTs (rounded down to whole numbers).

Using the race result example above those CTs exclude are flagged in red and green as shown below. The remaining CTs are averaged to give a SCT for the race (1:34:32 in the example).

Dividing the SCT by a boats ET gives the calculated handicap which the boat would have had in the race for its CT to have equaled the SCT i.e. it gives the handicap to which the boat sailed in the race (h).

The difference between H and h gives a performed indicator ( PI ) i.e. $\mathrm{PI}=\mathrm{h}-\mathrm{H}$ (which may be plus or minus). A proportion of the PI should be applied to the boats race handicap $(\mathrm{H})$ with the result used as the boats new handicap in its next race ( $\mathrm{H}^{\prime}$ ).

The portion of the PI applied to adjust the handicap depends on the number of races the boat has completed in the fleet. The table below gives the portions. The new handicap $\mathrm{H}^{\prime}=\mathrm{H}+(\mathrm{PI} \times \mathrm{PM})$.

| Races completed | Portion | Multiplier |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | All | 1 |
| 2 | Half | 0.5 |
| 3 | One third | 0.33 |
| 4 | One quarter | 0.25 |
| 5 | One fifth | 0.2 |
| Greater than 5 | One fifth | 0.2 |

## Example 2 - Race Results and Number Adjustment

| Sail <br> No | Boat | Finish <br> Time <br> $\mathbf{f}$ | Elapsed <br> Time <br> ET | Handicap <br> H | Corrected <br> Time <br> CT | Finishing <br> Place |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| input | input | input | f-ST | input | ET xH | input |
| 1 | A | $14: 56: 37$ | $1: 26: 37$ | 1.079 | $1: 33: 28$ | 3 |
| 2 | B | $15: 12: 36$ | $1: 42: 36$ | 0.957 | $1: 38: 11$ | 8 |
| 3 | C | $15: 18: 24$ | $1: 48: 24$ | 0.929 | $1: 40: 42$ | 9 |
| 4 | D | $15: 03: 59$ | $1: 33: 59$ | 1.008 | $1: 34: 44$ | 4 |
| 5 | E | $15: 04: 21$ | $1: 34: 21$ | 1.005 | $1: 34: 49$ | 5 |
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| 10 | J | $14: 53: 17$ | $1: 23: 17$ | 1.074 | $1: 29: 27$ | 1 |


| CTs used <br> for SCT | Performed <br> Handicap <br> h | Performed <br> Indicator <br> PI | PI <br> Multiplier <br> PM | New <br> Handicap <br> $\mathbf{H}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| input | SCT / ET | $\mathrm{h}-\mathrm{H}$ | input | $\mathrm{H}+(\mathrm{PI} \mathrm{x}$ <br> PM) |
| $1: 33: 28$ | 1.091 | 0.012 | 0.2 | 1.081 |
|  | 0.921 | -0.036 | 0.2 | 0.950 |
|  | 0.872 | -0.057 | 1 | 0.872 |
| $1: 34: 44$ | 1.006 | -0.002 | 0.2 | 1.008 |
| $1: 34: 49$ | 1.002 | -0.003 | 0.25 | 1.004 |
| $1: 35: 07$ | 0.998 | -0.006 | 0.25 | 1.002 |
|  | 1.022 | 0.019 | 0.33 | 1.009 |
|  | 0.894 | -0.054 | 0.5 | 0.921 |
|  | 0.972 | -0.010 | 0.5 | 0.977 |
|  | 1.135 | 0.061 | 0.2 | 1.086 |

Start Time $(S T)=1: 30: 00 \quad$ SCT $=1: 34: 32$

## Whether or not to attempt to exclude the varying skills of crews from the calculations

Unlike a Rating System an Empirical Handicap Scheme of the type explained here allocates handicaps to the combined boat performance and the crew skill. This can sometimes work to the detriment of good crews and benefit of not so good crews as their ability is reflected in the adjusted handicaps.
Whether or not to attempt to exclude crew skill from the calculations is a decision for the race organiser bearing in mind that to attempt this mathematically will involve on-going subjective judgements on the part of the organiser. For more information on the exclusion of crew skill from the calculations please contact World Sailing at - technical@sailing.org

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## APPENDIX C

## OTHER PERFORMANCE HANDICAP SYSTEMS

## Fremantle Sailing Club

Section 22 of the 2022-23 Sailing Handbook describes Fremantle Sailing Club's Performance Handicap System. (https://fsc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Handbook-2023.pdf)

## 22 HANDICAP PRINCIPLES

22.1 At the beginning of a series, the previous series handicaps are used to assign handicaps as agreed between the Inshore Captain, Handicapper and Division Reps.
22.2 For each race after the 1st, the handicaps are adjusted for the following race based on the performance of the current race
22.3 The adjustments are calculated on the following basis:
22.4 Calculate the race's Yardstick (YS)
22.4.1 $Y S$ is the average of each boats corrected time
22.4.2 If a boats performance against the YS is worse than $8 \%$ it is excluded from the YS calculation and the YS is recalculated recursively.
22.4.3 A boats performance (Perf Pct) is assessed against the YS by:
22.4.4 Per Pct $=((Y S-C T)-1) \times 100$
22.4.5 If a boat Perf Pct is $4 \%$ worse than the YS then their Perf Pct is limited to $-4 \%$ for the calculation of the handicap for the next race.
22.4.6 Using the Perf Pct then a Perf handicap (Perf Corr) is calculated using the prerace handicap (PH):
22.4.7 Perf Corr $=\operatorname{PHx}(1+$ Perf Pct/100)
22.4.8 The new handicap (NH) for the next race is the result of $70 \%$ of the PH plus $30 \%$ of the Perf Corr handicap:
22.4.9 $\quad \mathrm{NH}=0.7 \mathrm{PH}+0.3$ Perf Corr
22.5 Boats that don't sail 2 races in a row may have their handicaps altered based on the performance of their closest prestart peers as published (Manual Intervention).

# Mordialloc Sailing Club, Victoria 

https://www.mordiallocsc.com.au/club-sailing/handicaps/

On a general basis we all know what a handicap is, but in sailing what is it and how is it used?
In a non-handicap (scratch) race, boats are allocated points based on their position crossing the finish line. In this type of race the time they took (elapsed time) to complete the race is irrelevant as it does not affect their finishing position.

In a handicap race the final finish position of a boat in the race is determined by its corrected time. Corrected time? Corrected time is a combination of the boats elapsed time modified by their handicap. The boat with the lowest corrected time is first and boats are allocated positions based on ascending corrected times.

For racing at Mordialloc Sailing Club we generally use two different handicap systems, Yardstick and Club Handicap.

## Yardstick

The aim of the yardstick is to provide a basis for yachts of different class to compete fairly when sailed well. The yardstick is not intended to compensate for differences in skills or competence of individual sailors (that is the Club Handicap). The yardstick is calculated and maintained by Yachting Victoria on a statistical basis and within broad limits remains valid for a variety of wind strengths and courses sailed.

## DEFINITIONS

Elapsed Time (ET) is the time taken (in minutes and decimal minutes, or in seconds) for a boat to sail a proper course.
Corrected Time (CT) is the elapsed time divided by the boat's class yardstick (YS) and multiplied by 100

## Club Handicap

The club handicap is very similar to a golf handicap in that it allows people of different skills and abilities to compete together. To this end it is the person who sails better than normal who will place first, however just like a golf handicap it will change over time based on results.

Similar to the Yardstick, the Club Handicap, or Allocated Handicap (AHC), modifies the elapsed time of a boat to calculate the corrected time and thus determine the winner of the race and subsequent positions.

## DEFINITIONS

Allocated Handicap (AHC) - Boats sail a race with an Allocated Handicap (AHC). This is the HC allocated to that boat for the particular race.

Back Calculated Handicap (BCH) - After each race a Back Calculated Handicap (BCH) is generated/calculated for each boat. This is the HC a boat needed to be placed equal on HC corrected finish
time with every other boat in that race. This is a direct measure of this boat when compared to others in the fleet.

Calculated Handicap (CHC) is the value calculated after this race for the handicap to use for the next race.
Clamped BCH - If a boat sails above/below the "norm" +/- $3 \%$, then it is probably an unusual circumstance (non typical for that boat) and most HCers do not believe that such a BCH should be allowed to overly bias the ongoing HC calculations. Consequently "clamps" are applied. This is a user defined percentage below and above the AHC for that race.

## APPLICATION

Each boat is allocated a handicap (AHC) when they enter a series. In race one the AHC is used to determine their corrected time and thus their finishing position in the race. Their performance in this race is used to calculate the BCH which is used with the AHC to work out the CHC. The CHC becomes the AHC for the next race.

If the boat greatly over or under performs their handicap then the $B C H$ is clamped (CBCH). Clamped means we limit the difference between the AHC and BCH to avoid large swings in a boats handicap. In this case it is the BCHC and the AHC that are used to produce the CHC .
E.g. A boat has a AHC of 1.00 and sails well above their handicap and has a BCH of 1.04 . If we have a clamp of $+/-3 \%$ then the CBCH would clamps would be 0.97 to 1.03 . In this case we would use the CBCH of 1.03 to calculate the CHC.

How do we calculate the CHC?
There are many methods for for doing this but we use the weighted average method. This averages the AHC and the BCH or CBCH but weights the AHC 3 to 1 against the BCH or CBCH .
E.g. $\mathrm{CHC}=0.75 \times \mathrm{AHC}+0.25 \times \mathrm{BCH}$ or $\mathrm{CHC}=0.75 \times \mathrm{AHC}+0.25 \times \mathrm{CBCH}$

Sound complicated? Well thankfully our results system works all of this out for us automatically and throughout the year we will publish the current handicaps and how these relate to elapsed times on the water to make it more tangible for when you are actually sailing.

## Appendix D

## Trial Races to establish Handicaps

Trial Race 1: Windrush Cat division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap <br> CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds = } \\ 15 \% \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:42:29 | 1.064 | 0:45:12 |  | 1.098 | 1.098 | 0.034 | 1.075 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:45:14 | 1.064 | 0:48:08 |  | 1.032 | 1.032 | -0.032 | 1.053 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:46:51 | 1.064 | 0:49:51 |  | 0.996 | 0.996 | -0.068 | 1.041 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:45:34 | 1.064 | 0:48:29 |  | 1.024 | 1.024 | -0.040 | 1.051 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:52:00 | 1.064 | 0:55:20 |  | 0.897 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:40:45 | 1.064 | 0:43:21 |  | 1.145 | 1.145 | 0.081 | 1.091 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:40:33 | 1.064 | 0:43:09 |  | 1.151 | 1.151 | 0.087 | 1.093 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:40:30 | 1.064 | 0:43:06 |  | 1.152 | 1.152 | 0.088 | 1.093 |

Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 46: 40$
Trial Race 1: Windrush Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:55:40 | 1.124 | 1:02:34 |  | 1.097 | 1.097 | -0.027 | 1.115 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:40:40 | 1.124 | 0:45:43 |  | 1.502 | 1.293 | 0.169 | 1.180 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:42:10 | 1.124 | 0:47:24 |  | 1.448 | 1.293 | 0.169 | 1.180 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 1:00:54 | 1.124 | 1:08:27 |  | 1.003 | 1.003 | -0.121 | 1.084 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:54:20 | 1.124 | 1:01:04 |  | 1.124 | 1.124 | 0.000 | 1.124 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=1: 01: 04$
Trial Race 1: Windrush Super Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:46:00 | 1.149 | 0:52:51 |  | 1.171 | 1.171 | 0.022 | 1.156 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:46:49 | 1.149 | 0:53:48 |  | 1.151 | 1.151 | 0.002 | 1.150 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:50:19 | 1.149 | 0:57:49 |  | 1.071 | 1.071 | -0.078 | 1.123 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:46:25 | 1.149 | 0:53:20 |  | 1.161 | 1.161 | 0.012 | 1.153 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:47:58 | 1.149 | 0:55:07 |  | 1.123 | 1.123 | -0.026 | 1.140 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:46:35 | 1.149 | 0:53:31 |  | 1.156 | 1.156 | 0.007 | 1.151 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:46:57 | 1.149 | 0:53:57 |  | 1.147 | 1.147 | -0.002 | 1.148 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:47:10 | 1.149 | 0:54:12 |  | 1.142 | 1.142 | -0.007 | 1.147 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 53: 52$

Trial Race 2: Windrush Cat division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated <br> Handicap <br> CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET $\times$ AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:44:27 | 1.064 | 0:47:18 |  | 1.087 | 1.087 | 0.023 | 1.072 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:57:34 | 1.064 | 1:01:15 |  | 0.839 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:57:07 | 1.064 | 1:00:46 |  | 0.846 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:46:21 | 1.064 | 0:49:19 |  | 1.042 | 1.042 | -0.022 | 1.057 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:50:24 | 1.064 | 0:53:38 |  | 0.958 | 0.958 | -0.106 | 1.029 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:41:27 | 1.064 | 0:44:06 |  | 1.165 | 1.165 | 0.101 | 1.098 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:41:57 | 1.064 | 0:44:38 |  | 1.152 | 1.152 | 0.088 | 1.093 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:41:41 | 1.064 | 0:44:21 |  | 1.159 | 1.159 | 0.095 | 1.096 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 48: 18$
Trial Race 2: Windrush Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated <br> Handicap <br> AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SCT / } \\ \text { ET } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:42:48 | 1.124 | 0:48:06 |  | 1.124 | 1.124 | 0.000 | 1.124 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:39:55 | 1.124 | 0:44:52 |  | 1.205 | 1.205 | 0.081 | 1.151 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:40:14 | 1.124 | 0:45:13 |  | 1.196 | 1.196 | 0.072 | 1.148 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 0:49:47 | 1.124 | 0:55:57 |  | 0.966 | 0.966 | -0.158 | 1.071 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:48:24 | 1.124 | 0:54:24 |  | 0.994 | 0.994 | -0.130 | 1.081 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 48: 06$
Trial Race 2: Windrush Super Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap <br> AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:41:37 | 1.149 | 0:47:49 |  | 1.163 | 1.163 | 0.014 | 1.154 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:41:57 | 1.149 | 0:48:12 |  | 1.154 | 1.154 | 0.005 | 1.151 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:43:31 | 1.149 | 0:50:00 |  | 1.112 | 1.112 | -0.037 | 1.137 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:41:30 | 1.149 | 0:47:41 |  | 1.166 | 1.166 | 0.017 | 1.155 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:43:00 | 1.149 | 0:49:24 |  | 1.126 | 1.126 | -0.023 | 1.141 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:42:05 | 1.149 | 0:48:21 |  | 1.150 | 1.150 | 0.001 | 1.149 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:42:10 | 1.149 | 0:48:27 |  | 1.148 | 1.148 | -0.001 | 1.149 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:42:48 | 1.149 | 0:49:11 |  | 1.131 | 1.131 | -0.018 | 1.143 |

[^6]Trial Race 3: Windrush Cat division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:39:44 | 1.064 | 0:42:17 |  | 1.071 | 1.071 | 0.007 | 1.066 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:40:16 | 1.064 | 0:42:51 |  | 1.057 | 1.057 | -0.007 | 1.062 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:54:54 | 1.064 | 0:58:25 |  | 0.775 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:52:56 | 1.064 | 0:56:19 |  | 0.804 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:53:43 | 1.064 | 0:57:09 |  | 0.792 | 0.904 | -0.160 | 1.011 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:37:41 | 1.064 | 0:40:06 |  | 1.129 | 1.129 | 0.065 | 1.086 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:36:04 | 1.064 | 0:38:22 |  | 1.180 | 1.180 | 0.116 | 1.103 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:36:40 | 1.064 | 0:39:01 |  | 1.161 | 1.161 | 0.097 | 1.096 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 42: 34$
Trial Race 3: Windrush Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed <br> Time <br> ET | Allocated <br> Handicap <br> AHC | Corrected <br> Time <br> CT | Place |  | Back Calculated Handicap <br> BCH |  | Performance <br> Indicator <br> PI | Calculated <br> Handicap |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHPC |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 53: 41$
Trial Race 3: Windrush Super Sloop division

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator | Calculated <br> Handicap |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained | PI | CHC |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:36:36 | 1.149 | 0:42:03 |  | 1.175 | 1.175 | 0.026 | 1.158 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:36:42 | 1.149 | 0:42:10 |  | 1.171 | 1.171 | 0.022 | 1.156 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:39:58 | 1.149 | 0:45:55 |  | 1.076 | 1.076 | -0.073 | 1.125 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:33:45 | 1.149 | 0:38:47 |  | 1.274 | 1.274 | 0.125 | 1.191 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:40:56 | 1.149 | 0:47:02 |  | 1.050 | 1.050 | -0.099 | 1.116 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:37:39 | 1.149 | 0:43:16 |  | 1.142 | 1.142 | -0.007 | 1.147 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:37:11 | 1.149 | 0:42:43 |  | 1.156 | 1.156 | 0.007 | 1.151 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:41:05 | 1.149 | 0:47:12 |  | 1.046 | 1.046 | -0.103 | 1.115 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 43: 00$

## Appendix E

## Performance Handicap System Race Results

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:42:29 | 1.071 | 0:45:30 | 6 | 1.109 | 1.109 | 0.038 | 1.084 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | 0:47:52 | 1.059 | 0:50:41 | 12 | 0.985 | 0.985 | -0.074 | 1.034 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:45:14 | 1.042 | 0:47:08 | 7 | 1.042 | 1.042 | 0.000 | 1.042 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:46:51 | 1.021 | 0:47:50 | 9 | 1.006 | 1.006 | -0.015 | 1.016 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:45:34 | 1.039 | 0:47:21 | 8 | 1.034 | 1.034 | -0.005 | 1.037 |
| 6438 | Frisky | DNS | 1.059 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.059 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | 0:40:45 | 1.059 | 0:43:09 | 1 | 1.157 | 1.157 | 0.098 | 1.092 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:52:00 | 1.017 | 0:52:53 | 13 | 0.906 | 0.906 | -0.111 | 0.980 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | 0:45:49 | 1.059 | 0:48:31 | 11 | 1.029 | 1.029 | -0.030 | 1.049 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | 0:45:40 | 1.059 | 0:48:22 | 10 | 1.032 | 1.032 | -0.027 | 1.050 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:40:18 | 1.092 | 0:44:00 | 2 | 1.170 | 1.170 | 0.078 | 1.118 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | 0:42:05 | 1.059 | 0:44:34 | 5 | 1.120 | 1.120 | 0.061 | 1.079 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:40:33 | 1.096 | 0:44:27 | 4 | 1.162 | 1.162 | 0.066 | 1.118 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:40:30 | 1.095 | 0:44:21 | 3 | 1.164 | 1.164 | 0.069 | 1.118 |

Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 47: 08$

## RACE 1 Windrush Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed <br> Time <br> ET | Allocated <br> Handicap <br> AHC | Corrected <br> Time <br> CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap <br> BCH | Performance <br> Indicator <br> PI | Calculated <br> Handicap <br> CHC |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC |  | SCT / ET | (nitial <br> Counstrained $=15 \%$ <br> of AHC | BCH - AHC | AHC $+(\mathrm{PI} / 3)$ |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | $0: 55: 40$ | 1.113 | $1: 01: 57$ | 4 | 1.083 | 1.083 | -0.030 | 1.103 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | $0: 40: 40$ | 1.170 | $0: 47: 35$ | 1 | 1.483 | 1.346 | 0.176 | 1.229 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | $0: 42: 10$ | 1.169 | $0: 49: 18$ | 2 | 1.430 | 1.344 | 0.175 | 1.227 |
| 6416 | Quindy | $1: 00: 54$ | 1.093 | $1: 06: 34$ | 5 | 0.990 | 0.990 | -0.103 | 1.059 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | $0: 54: 20$ | 1.110 | $1: 00: 19$ | 3 | 1.110 | 1.110 | 0.000 | 1.110 |
| 6462 | Meelup | DNF | 1.131 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.131 |

RACE 1 Windrush Super Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | 0:47:49 | 1.146 | 0:54:48 | 8 | 1.130 | 1.130 | -0.016 | 1.141 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | 0:49:08 | 1.146 | 0:56:18 | 9 | 1.100 | 1.100 | -0.046 | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:46:00 | 1.156 | 0:53:11 | 1 | 1.175 | 1.175 | 0.019 | 1.162 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:46:49 | 1.152 | 0:53:56 | 4 | 1.154 | 1.154 | 0.002 | 1.153 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:50:19 | 1.128 | 0:56:45 | 10 | 1.074 | 1.074 | -0.054 | 1.110 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:46:25 | 1.166 | 0:54:07 | 6 | 1.164 | 1.164 | -0.002 | 1.165 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:47:58 | 1.133 | 0:54:21 | 7 | 1.126 | 1.126 | -0.007 | 1.131 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:46:35 | 1.149 | 0:53:31 | 2 | 1.160 | 1.160 | 0.011 | 1.153 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:46:57 | 1.149 | 0:53:57 | 5 | 1.151 | 1.151 | 0.002 | 1.150 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:47:10 | 1.135 | 0:53:32 | 3 | 1.146 | 1.146 | 0.011 | 1.139 |


| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated HandicapAHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:44:27 | 1.084 | 0:48:11 | 6 | 1.084 | 1.084 | 0.000 | 1.084 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | 0:52:59 | 1.034 | 0:54:48 | 8 | 0.909 | 0.909 | -0.125 | 0.993 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:57:34 | 1.042 | 0:59:59 | 10 | 0.837 | 0.886 | -0.156 | 0.990 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:57:07 | 1.016 | 0:58:02 | 9 | 0.843 | 0.864 | -0.152 | 0.965 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:46:21 | 1.037 | 0:48:05 | 5 | 1.039 | 1.039 | 0.002 | 1.038 |
| 6438 | Frisky | DNS | 1.059 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.059 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | DNS | 1.092 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.092 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:50:24 | 0.980 | 0:49:24 | 7 | 0.956 | 0.956 | -0.024 | 0.972 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | DNS | 1.049 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.049 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | DNS | 1.050 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.050 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:41:27 | 1.118 | 0:46:20 | 2 | 1.162 | 1.162 | 0.044 | 1.133 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | ??? | 1.079 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1.079 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:41:57 | 1.118 | 0:46:54 | 4 | 1.148 | 1.148 | 0.030 | 1.128 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:41:41 | 1.118 | 0:46:36 | 3 | 1.156 | 1.156 | 0.038 | 1.131 |

[^7]RACE 2 Windrush Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap <br> CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:42:48 | 1.103 | 0:47:13 | 1 | 1.193 | 1.193 | 0.090 | 1.133 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:39:55 | 1.229 | 0:49:02 | 2 | 1.279 | 1.279 | 0.050 | 1.245 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:40:14 | 1.227 | 0:49:23 | 3 | 1.269 | 1.269 | 0.041 | 1.241 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 0:49:47 | 1.059 | 0:52:43 | 4 | 1.025 | 1.025 | -0.033 | 1.048 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:48:24 | 1.110 | 0:53:43 | 5 | 1.055 | 1.055 | -0.055 | 1.092 |
| 6462 | Meelup | 0:50:00 | 1.131 | 0:56:33 | 6 | 1.021 | 1.021 | -0.110 | 1.094 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 51: 03$

RACE 2 Windrush Super Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time <br> ET | Allocated <br> Handicap <br> AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap$\mathrm{BCH}$ |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated <br> Handicap <br> CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | 0:42:54 | 1.141 | 0:48:56 | 9 | 1.130 | 1.130 | -0.011 | 1.137 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | DNS | 1.131 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:41:37 | 1.162 | 0:48:22 | 4 | 1.165 | 1.165 | 0.003 | 1.163 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:41:57 | 1.153 | 0:48:21 | 2 | 1.156 | 1.156 | 0.003 | 1.154 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:43:31 | 1.110 | 0:48:18 | 1 | 1.114 | 1.114 | 0.004 | 1.111 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:41:30 | 1.165 | 0:48:22 | 3 | 1.168 | 1.168 | 0.003 | 1.166 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:43:00 | 1.131 | 0:48:38 | 7 | 1.127 | 1.127 | -0.003 | 1.130 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:42:05 | 1.153 | 0:48:30 | 6 | 1.152 | 1.152 | -0.001 | 1.152 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:42:10 | 1.150 | 0:48:29 | 5 | 1.150 | 1.150 | 0.000 | 1.150 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:42:48 | 1.139 | 0:48:44 | 8 | 1.133 | 1.133 | -0.006 | 1.137 |


| Sail No | Boat | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Elapsed } \\ \text { Time } \\ \text { ET } \end{gathered}$ | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:39:44 | 1.084 | 0:43:04 | 7 | 1.079 | 1.079 | -0.005 | 1.082 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | DNS | 0.993 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.993 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:40:16 | 0.990 | 0:39:52 | 1 | 1.065 | 1.065 | 0.075 | 1.015 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:54:54 | 0.965 | 0:52:59 | 9 | 0.781 | 0.820 | -0.145 | 0.917 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:52:56 | 1.038 | 0:54:57 | 10 | 0.810 | 0.882 | -0.156 | 0.986 |
| 6438 | Frisky | DNS | 1.059 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.059 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | 0:38:16 | 1.092 | 0:41:46 | 4 | 1.120 | 1.120 | 0.029 | 1.101 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:53:43 | 0.972 | 0:52:13 | 8 | 0.798 | 0.826 | -0.146 | 0.923 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | 0:52:46 | 1.049 | 0:55:21 | 12 | 0.813 | 0.892 | -0.157 | 0.996 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | 0:52:36 | 1.050 | 0:55:14 | 11 | 0.815 | 0.893 | -0.158 | 0.998 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:37:41 | 1.133 | 0:42:41 | 6 | 1.138 | 1.138 | 0.005 | 1.134 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | 0:38:43 | 1.079 | 0:41:47 | 5 | 1.107 | 1.107 | 0.028 | 1.089 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:36:04 | 1.128 | 0:40:41 | 2 | 1.189 | 1.189 | 0.061 | 1.148 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:36:40 | 1.131 | 0:41:27 | 3 | 1.169 | 1.169 | 0.039 | 1.143 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 42: 52$

RACE 3 Windrush Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:50:56 | 1.133 | 0:57:42 | 6 | 1.005 | 1.005 | -0.128 | 1.090 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:38:05 | 1.245 | 0:47:25 | 2 | 1.344 | 1.344 | 0.099 | 1.278 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:38:07 | 1.241 | 0:47:19 | 1 | 1.343 | 1.343 | 0.101 | 1.275 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 0:47:56 | 1.048 | 0:50:13 | 3 | 1.068 | 1.068 | 0.020 | 1.054 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:47:46 | 1.092 | 0:52:08 | 4 | 1.071 | 1.071 | -0.020 | 1.085 |
| 6462 | Meelup | 0:48:42 | 1.094 | 0:53:18 | 5 | 1.051 | 1.051 | -0.043 | 1.080 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 51: 11$

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated <br> Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | DNS | 1.137 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.137 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | DNS | 1.131 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:36:36 | 1.163 | 0:42:34 | 3 | 1.177 | 1.177 | 0.014 | 1.168 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:36:42 | 1.154 | 0:42:20 | 2 | 1.173 | 1.173 | 0.020 | 1.160 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:39:58 | 1.111 | 0:44:25 | 6 | 1.078 | 1.078 | -0.034 | 1.100 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:33:45 | 1.166 | 0:39:22 | 1 | 1.276 | 1.276 | 0.110 | 1.203 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:40:56 | 1.130 | 0:46:14 | 7 | 1.052 | 1.052 | -0.078 | 1.104 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:37:39 | 1.152 | 0:43:23 | 5 | 1.144 | 1.144 | -0.009 | 1.150 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:37:11 | 1.150 | 0:42:45 | 4 | 1.158 | 1.158 | 0.009 | 1.152 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:41:05 | 1.137 | 0:46:42 | 8 | 1.048 | 1.048 | -0.088 | 1.107 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 43: 04$

RACE 4 Windrush Cat

| Sail No | Boat | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Elapsed } \\ \text { Time } \\ \text { ET } \end{gathered}$ | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SCT / } \\ \text { ET } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:29:12 | 1.082 | 0:31:36 | 11 | 1.006 | 1.006 | -0.076 | 1.057 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | 0:34:48 | 0.993 | 0:34:32 | 12 | 0.844 | 0.844 | -0.148 | 0.943 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:29:08 | 1.015 | 0:29:34 | 7 | 1.009 | 1.009 | -0.006 | 1.013 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | 0:32:17 | 0.917 | 0:29:36 | 8 | 0.910 | 0.910 | -0.007 | 0.915 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 0:27:38 | 0.986 | 0:27:15 | 1 | 1.063 | 1.063 | 0.077 | 1.012 |
| 6438 | Frisky | DNS | 1.059 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.059 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | 0:27:16 | 1.101 | 0:30:01 | 9 | 1.078 | 1.078 | -0.024 | 1.093 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:29:44 | 0.923 | 0:27:27 | 3 | 0.988 | 0.988 | 0.065 | 0.945 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | 0:29:18 | 0.996 | 0:29:12 | 6 | 1.003 | 1.003 | 0.006 | 0.999 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | DNS | 0.998 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.998 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:25:11 | 1.134 | 0:28:34 | 4 | 1.167 | 1.167 | 0.032 | 1.145 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | 0:26:46 | 1.089 | 0:29:08 | 5 | 1.098 | 1.098 | 0.009 | 1.092 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:23:46 | 1.148 | 0:27:18 | 2 | 1.236 | 1.236 | 0.088 | 1.178 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:26:53 | 1.143 | 0:30:44 | 10 | 1.093 | 1.093 | -0.051 | 1.127 |

Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 29: 23$

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SCT / } \\ \text { ET } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:32:50 | 1.090 | 0:35:48 | 5 | 0.941 | 0.941 | -0.149 | 1.041 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:24:11 | 1.278 | 0:30:55 | 3 | 1.278 | 1.278 | 0.000 | 1.278 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | DNS | 1.275 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.275 |
| 6416 | Quindy | 0:30:17 | 1.054 | 0:31:56 | 4 | 1.021 | 1.021 | -0.034 | 1.043 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:26:40 | 1.085 | 0:28:56 | 2 | 1.159 | 1.159 | 0.074 | 1.110 |
| 6462 | Meelup | 0:26:29 | 1.080 | 0:28:36 | 1 | 1.167 | 1.167 | 0.087 | 1.109 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 30: 55$

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SCT / } \\ \text { ET } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | 0:20:30 | 1.137 | 0:23:19 | 1 | 1.219 | 1.219 | 0.082 | 1.164 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | DNS | 1.131 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:21:37 | 1.168 | 0:25:14 | 7 | 1.156 | 1.156 | -0.012 | 1.164 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:21:25 | 1.160 | 0:24:51 | 3 | 1.167 | 1.167 | 0.006 | 1.162 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:21:50 | 1.100 | 0:24:01 | 2 | 1.144 | 1.144 | 0.044 | 1.115 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:20:40 | 1.203 | 0:24:52 | 4 | 1.209 | 1.209 | 0.006 | 1.205 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | 0:32:34 | 1.104 | 0:35:57 | 9 | 0.767 | 0.938 | -0.166 | 1.049 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:22:34 | 1.150 | 0:25:57 | 8 | 1.107 | 1.107 | -0.042 | 1.135 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:21:42 | 1.152 | 0:25:01 | 6 | 1.151 | 1.151 | -0.001 | 1.152 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:22:34 | 1.107 | 0:24:59 | 5 | 1.107 | 1.107 | 0.000 | 1.107 |

[^8]| Sail No | Boat | $\begin{gathered} \text { Elapsed } \\ \text { Time } \\ \text { ET } \end{gathered}$ | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:37:42 | 1.057 | 0:39:51 | 3 | 1.171 | 1.171 | 0.114 | 1.095 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | 0:43:51 | 0.943 | 0:41:21 | 4 | 1.007 | 1.007 | 0.064 | 0.964 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:43:36 | 1.013 | 0:44:09 | 7 | 1.013 | 1.013 | 0.000 | 1.013 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | DNS | 0.915 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.915 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | 1:04:19 | 1.012 | 1:05:05 | 12 | 0.687 | 0.860 | -0.152 | 0.961 |
| 6438 | Frisky | 1:05:50 | 1.059 | 1:09:43 | 13 | 0.671 | 0.900 | -0.159 | 1.006 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | 0:39:04 | 1.093 | 0:42:43 | 5 | 1.130 | 1.130 | 0.037 | 1.106 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:39:05 | 0.945 | 0:36:56 | 1 | 1.130 | 1.087 | 0.142 | 0.992 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | 0:57:52 | 0.999 | 0:57:47 | 11 | 0.763 | 0.849 | -0.150 | 0.949 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | 0:53:27 | 0.998 | 0:53:19 | 10 | 0.826 | 0.848 | -0.150 | 0.948 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:38:49 | 1.145 | 0:44:27 | 8 | 1.138 | 1.138 | -0.008 | 1.143 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | 0:35:37 | 1.092 | 0:38:53 | 2 | 1.240 | 1.240 | 0.148 | 1.141 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:44:22 | 1.178 | 0:52:15 | 9 | 0.995 | 1.001 | -0.177 | 1.119 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:38:57 | 1.127 | 0:43:53 | 6 | 1.134 | 1.134 | 0.007 | 1.129 |

[^9]RACE 5 Windrush Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | ElapsedTimeET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | DNF | 1.041 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.041 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:43:07 | 1.278 | 0:55:07 | 2 | 1.294 | 1.294 | 0.016 | 1.283 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:44:18 | 1.275 | 0:56:29 | 3 | 1.260 | 1.260 | -0.016 | 1.270 |
| 6416 | Quindy | DNS | 1.043 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.043 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | 0:52:05 | 1.110 | 0:57:48 | 4 | 1.071 | 1.071 | -0.038 | 1.097 |
| 6462 | Meelup | 0:46:50 | 1.109 | 0:51:56 | 1 | 1.191 | 1.191 | 0.082 | 1.136 |

Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 55: 48$

RACE 5 Windrush Super Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | 0:41:59 | 1.164 | 0:48:53 | 3 | 1.214 | 1.214 | 0.050 | 1.181 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | DNF | 1.131 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:41:33 | 1.164 | 0:48:21 | 2 | 1.227 | 1.227 | 0.063 | 1.185 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:55:50 | 1.162 | 1:04:54 | 8 | 0.913 | 0.988 | -0.174 | 1.104 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | 0:58:00 | 1.115 | 1:04:40 | 7 | 0.879 | 0.948 | -0.167 | 1.059 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:43:19 | 1.205 | 0:52:12 | 5 | 1.177 | 1.177 | -0.028 | 1.196 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | DNF | 1.049 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.049 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:39:04 | 1.135 | 0:44:21 | 1 | 1.305 | 1.305 | 0.170 | 1.192 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:54:54 | 1.152 | 1:03:15 | 6 | 0.929 | 0.979 | -0.173 | 1.095 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | 0:44:58 | 1.107 | 0:49:47 | 4 | 1.134 | 1.134 | 0.027 | 1.116 |

[^10]| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | $\mathrm{AHC}+(\mathrm{PI} / 3)$ |
| 6402 | Sirius Lee | 0:43:43 | 1.095 | 0:47:52 | 9 | 0.903 | 0.931 | -0.164 | 1.040 |
| 6408 | Eagle B | 0:35:43 | 0.964 | 0:34:27 | 1 | 1.105 | 1.105 | 0.141 | 1.011 |
| 6427 | Billy M | 0:36:30 | 1.013 | 0:36:58 | 4 | 1.082 | 1.082 | 0.069 | 1.036 |
| 6429 | Catastrophe | RET | 0.915 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.915 |
| 6437 | Yellow Taxi | DNF | 0.961 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.961 |
| 6438 | Frisky | RET | 1.006 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.006 |
| 6448 | Double Shot | 0:39:55 | 1.106 | 0:44:08 | 8 | 0.989 | 0.989 | -0.117 | 1.067 |
| 6449 | Zephyr | 0:42:14 | 0.992 | 0:41:54 | 7 | 0.935 | 0.935 | -0.058 | 0.973 |
| 6450 | Yeehar | 0:43:00 | 0.949 | 0:40:47 | 6 | 0.918 | 0.918 | -0.031 | 0.938 |
| 6459 | Spindrift | DNF | 0.948 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 0.948 |
| 6463 | Sea Saw | 0:34:33 | 1.143 | 0:39:29 | 5 | 1.143 | 1.143 | 0.000 | 1.143 |
| 6466 | Catatonic | DNF | 1.141 |  | 15 |  |  |  | 1.141 |
| 6468 | Dirty Ore | 0:31:57 | 1.119 | 0:35:45 | 3 | 1.236 | 1.236 | 0.117 | 1.158 |
| 6469 | Xena | 0:31:28 | 1.129 | 0:35:31 | 2 | 1.255 | 1.255 | 0.126 | 1.171 |

Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 39: 29$

RACE 6 Windrush Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated <br> Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds }=15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6343 | Wild Thing | 0:43:00 | 1.041 | 0:44:45 | 3 | 1.007 | 1.007 | -0.034 | 1.029 |
| 6361 | Cat Fish | 0:33:44 | 1.283 | 0:43:18 | 2 | 1.283 | 1.283 | 0.000 | 1.283 |
| 6411 | Buzzbox | 0:33:58 | 1.270 | 0:43:08 | 1 | 1.275 | 1.275 | 0.005 | 1.271 |
| 6416 | Quindy | RET | 1.043 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.043 |
| 6458 | Steel Cat | RET | 1.097 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.097 |
| 6462 | Meelup | RET | 1.136 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 1.136 |

Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 43: 18$

RACE 6 Windrush Super Sloop

| Sail No | Boat | Elapsed Time ET | Allocated Handicap AHC | Corrected Time CT | Place | Back Calculated Handicap BCH |  | Performance Indicator PI | Calculated Handicap CHC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Initial | Constrained |  |  |
| input | input | input | input | ET x AHC | input | SCT / ET | $\begin{gathered} \text { bounds = } 15 \% \\ \text { of AHC } \end{gathered}$ | BCH - AHC | AHC + (PI / 3) |
| 6394 | Humm-n | RET | 1.181 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.181 |
| 6395 | Cat Nip | RET | 1.131 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.131 |
| 6398 | Feeling Lucky | 0:31:51 | 1.185 | 0:37:44 | 4 | 1.136 | 1.136 | -0.049 | 1.168 |
| 6417 | Ella | 0:31:56 | 1.104 | 0:35:16 | 2 | 1.133 | 1.133 | 0.028 | 1.114 |
| 6423 | White Knuckle Tight | RET | 1.059 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.059 |
| 6440 | Cliff Hanger | 0:30:15 | 1.196 | 0:36:10 | 3 | 1.196 | 1.196 | 0.000 | 1.196 |
| 6443 | Back Door Relief | RET | 1.049 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.049 |
| 6445 | Moment of Madness | 0:34:28 | 1.192 | 0:41:05 | 5 | 1.049 | 1.049 | -0.143 | 1.144 |
| 6460 | Wreckless | 0:32:10 | 1.095 | 0:35:12 | 1 | 1.124 | 1.124 | 0.030 | 1.104 |
| 6465 | Emily Jean | DNF | 1.116 |  | 11 |  |  |  | 1.116 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Rodney and Shayne Deakin(brothers) are volunteers at the Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club, Western Australia.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ In the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS) Appendix A SCORING, Section A8 Series Ties, subsection A8.1: "If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores will be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used."

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ World Sailing is the governing body for the sport of sailing formed in 1907 and then known as the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU). The name was changed to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) in 1996 before adopting the name World Sailing in 2015.

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ Top Yacht (https://topyacht.com.au/web) founded by Rod McCubbin, Cheltenham VIC 3192, and now a division of Northstar Technologies Australia, Mount Lawley WA 6929, provides race management and scoring software to the Australian sailing community.
    ${ }^{5}$ The median of a sample of $n$ values is obtained by first ordering the values from least to greatest and then choosing the middle value if $n$ is odd or the average of the two middle values if $n$ is even. In either case there will be the same number of values that are larger than or equal to the median, and smaller than or equal to the median. The median is a robust estimator of the location of a sample of values drawn from a large population.

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ J. Stuart Hunter Professor Emeritus at Princeton University.
    ${ }^{7}$ apriori [Latin a priori what is known before] often taken to mean something known beforehand or known from prior knowledge.

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[^6]:    Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 48: 24$

[^7]:    Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 48: 11$

[^8]:    Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=0: 24: 59$

[^9]:    Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 44: 09$

[^10]:    Standard Corrected Time (SCT) $=0: 50: 59$

[^11]:    Standard Corrected Time $(S C T)=\quad 0: 36: 10$

