

To all DRYA Members:

A question has been raised regarding the scoring of cancelled races.

The DRYA has recorded cancelled races as “RC” and regarded them as one of the scheduled races when the boats have been able to be properly identified. The “RC” score credited the boats that were present with the race, therefore there was no reduction or change to the number of races required for the race series. If the boats have not been able to be identified (no wind, race cancelled before the start) the number of races has been reduced.

It has been brought to my attention that this could unfairly affect the score some boats.

After reviewing the Rules of Racing, I have come to the conclusion that a cancelled or abandoned race should reduce the number of races for the series and classes affected by one and the number of races to qualify for the series according to the “races scheduled/races required to qualify” matrix published each year prior to the first race. This will apply even when boats have been properly identified (after the start).

The reasons for reaching this conclusion are as follows:

1. Appendix A – Scoring

- a. **A3** ...the order in which boats *finish* a race shall determine their finishing places. However when a handicap...
- b. **A4** ... *The Low Point System uses a boats finishing place as her race score.* ...
- c. **A4.1** Each boat *starting and finishing* and not thereafter retiring... ...shall be scored points as follows:
- d. **A4.2** A boat that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired after *finishing* or was disqualified shall be score points for...
- e. **A5** A boat that did not *start*, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3, or retires after *finishing*, shall be...

2. **Rule 89.3(a)** ... A race shall be scored if it is not *abandoned* and if one boat sails the course in compliance with rule 28.1 and *finishes* within the time limit, if any...

3. Scoring A Long Series – Alternative Scoring System For Long Series – High Point Percentage Scoring System

- a. **2 Race Scores** ...Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:
- b. **3 Series Scores** The series scores for each boat will be...of races for which she is scored.

It is apparent that the RRS require at least one boat in a race to finish to be scored, or for the class to be scored. Therefore for each and all of the above reasons all classes that have cancelled or abandoned races will have the number of races reduced accordingly. Races abandoned will not be counted in calculating participation when considering class participation unless a boats present have been identified.

Sincerely,
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