

Bowmoor Personal Handicap Series

The Sailing Committee has decided to continue to use the third race on days when they occur as a Handicap Series in which helmsman's handicaps are adjusted on a performance basis from one race to the next.

Essentially the race is run as a normal handicap race with a single start. Boats will finish on their lap when the race is shortened with times taken by the OOD as normal and then adjusted to be equivalent to the same number of laps for all as usual in handicap races. Positions will be calculated using the boat's handicap plus or minus the personal handicap adjustment current for the helmsman.

Helmsmen start their very first race in the series with zero adjustment, but this may be subsequently amended as shown below (under Initial Handicaps). After each race, the middle placed helmsman (or higher of the middle two) of those who finish receives no further adjustment. Each place above the middle will receive a further adjustment of -2 per place above or +2 per place below this middle to be used in the next race in which they sail in any of the Handicap Series. In approximate terms, this is equivalent to about 5 seconds a race per place. Helmsmen who retire, or are disqualified, receive no adjustment. The outcome of these adjustments will only be apparent when the results are calculated and the aim will be to display these before the next race whenever possible. Series winners will be determined in the same way as normal, but helmsmen, once handicapped, will carry their score from one series to the next.

This will mean that some consistently fast sailors will suffer poor results occasionally and less experienced sailors will have opportunities to shine. Previous experience of this type of event has shown that it can give both extremes an incentive to go faster and provide an interesting variation on the usual theme. Time will tell and it is hoped all will participate with a good spirit!

Initial Handicaps

As from 2013 the Sailing Committee will appoint a Sub-Committee Co-ordinator who will be responsible for allocating initial Personal Handicap Adjustments (PHA) to new entrants for the Personal Handicap Series (PHS).

The Sub-Committee Co-ordinator is also responsible for:

- Recruiting between two to four additional persons to manage the allocation of the PHA for the PHS. The names of the recruited Sub-Committee members will be advised to the Sailing Committee and the PHS Manager. Recruited Sub-Committee members may be replaced during the season as necessary.
- Carrying out an end of season review of the Skill adjustment table, and adjusting as appropriate.

The BSC PHS Result's Manager will advise a member of the Sub-Committee of the new person's details as soon as possible. Each individual member of the Sub-Committee has the authority to make an assessment of the PHA to be allocated, after discussing the matter with the individual, and if necessary another member(s) of the Sub-Committee. The competitor's skill level will start at zero and be adjusted as normal until the appropriate Skill level has been agreed by the Sub-Committee member and the Competitor. The Skill Table below should be used as guidance to allocate an appropriate PHA for that individual's perceived sailing skill. This information will then be passed as soon as possible to the PHS Result's Manager to apply to the next PHS race.

A member of the Sub-Committee may also consider adjusting an existing competitor's PHA, if that competitor believes their current PHA is not appropriate. The onus is on the individual to initiate a request for re-assessment to a member of the PHS Sub-Committee. An individual's PHA shall not be re-assessed as the result of another competitor making an observation.

BOWMOOR PERSONAL HANDICAP SERIES – INITIAL SKILL ADJUSTMENT

Current 2012 Skill level range from -78 to +110

New Competitor	Adjustment to be allocated
High Skill level	-50
Midway High	-25
Average Skill level	0
Midway Low	+ 25
Newcomer	+50

Current PHA Sub-Committee Members: John Banbrook, Neil Crosby, Geoff Silcock.