# RACING HANDICAPS <br> FOR W.S.C. <br> ( PORTSMOUTH RATINGS ) Aug 15/09 

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| CL14 | 101 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| COMPAC 16 | 109 |  |  |  |  |  |
| DS16 | 117 (Shoal draft or centerboard) |  |  |  |  |  |
| DS20 | ? |  |  |  |  |  |
| EDEL 540 | 109 (Okanagan Region) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edel 540 (Les) | 89 (June 14/08)(REPLACED) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Edel 540 (Les) | 96 (July 12/08) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Halman 20 | 103 (Used Sailboat Guide) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| HOBIE 18 (Bart) | 65 (July 11/09) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MATILDA 20 (Gerry) | ) 96 (Aug 15/09) |  |  |  |  |  |
| MINUET | 108 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minuet (Paul) | 100 (June 16/07)(REPLACED) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minuet (Paul) | 89 (August 10/08) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minuet (Donal) | 105 (Aug 12/07) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minuet (Len) | 93 (June 13/09) |  |  |  |  |  |
| NORDICA 16 | 113 |  |  |  |  |  |
| NORDICA 20103 | 103 (Used Sailboat Guide) |  |  |  |  |  |
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## RACING HANDICAPS

How do racing handicaps work?????????????????
The formula is (Elapsed time in decimal minutes) X 100
Handicap rating

## An example

Say we pick the boat with the lowest handicap rating e.g. Lorne\&Pam Mulholland in their KERRY DANCER, with a handicap rating of 84 and next pick the boat with the highest handicap rating e.g. Dave\&Betty Northey in their DS16, with a handicap rating of 117.

They have both just completed a race and the elapsed times are
Dave\&Betty 1 hour, 20 minutes and 37 seconds
Lorne\&Pam 1 hour, 0 minutes and 0 seconds
First, we have to convert elapsed time to decimal minute

Dave\&Betty=1 hour
20 minutes

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\begin{aligned}
& =60 . \\
& =20 . \\
& =\frac{.62}{80.62 \text { (decimal minutes) }}
\end{aligned}
$$

37 seconds (37/60)
Next,
Lorne\&Pam= 1hour $=60 . \quad$ (Race officials just love it when
0 minutes $\quad=0$. results end in o seconds-no conversion)
0 seconds $\quad=.0$
60.0 (decimal minutes)

Then use formula
Dave\&Betty $\underline{80.62 \text { X } 100}$
$117=68.91$ adjusted time

Lorne\&Pam $\underline{60.0 \times 100}$
$84=71.43$ adjusted time

## AND THE WINNERS ARE

DAVE\&BETTY
SO, EVEN THO DAVE\&BETTY TOOK 20+ minutes longer to complete the course than LORNE\&PAM, DAVE\&BETTY'S name goes on the trophy.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE\&BETTY

How critical is the use of DECIMAL MINUTES?????????
Dave\&Betty and Lorne\&Pam have just completed another race and the elapsed times are
Dave\&Betty $\quad 1$ hour, 23 minutes and 54 seconds
Lorne\&Pam 1 hour, 0 minutes and 0 seconds
Step \#1 -convert elapsed time to decimal minutes
Dave\&Betty $\quad 1$ hour $\quad=60$.
23 minutes $\quad=23$.
54 seconds $54 / 60=.90$
83.90 (decimal minutes)

Lorne\&Pam $\quad 1$ hour $\quad=60$.
0 minutes $=0$.
0 seconds $\quad=.0$
60.0 (decimal minutes)

Step \#2 -apply formula
Dave\&Betty $\underline{83.90 \times 100}$
$117=71.70$ (adjusted time)
Lorne\&Pam $\frac{60 . \mathrm{X} 100}{84}=71.43$ (adjusted time)
So, Lorne\&Pam, with an adjusted time of 71.43 would beat Dave\&Betty, with an adjusted time of $\mathbf{7 1 . 7 0}$.

However, if back at step \#1, seconds were used instead of decimal minutes, the result would be
Dave\&Betty $\quad 1$ hour $\quad=60$.
23 minutes $\quad=23$.
54 seconds $=\frac{.54}{83.54}$
Dave\&Betty
$83.54 \times 100$
$117=71.40$ (adjusted time)
and Dave\&Betty, with an adjusted time of 71.40 would beat Lorne\&Pam, with an adjusted time of $\mathbf{7 1 . 4 3}$

So it is very important to perform the calculations properly or in a very close race, the incorrect winner might be declared.

## RACING HANDICAPS

The handicap ratings on page 1 were developed from the following assumptions
\#1. That each boat placing first in each class was sailed to its true potential, by a perfect crew, according to a flawless strategy.
\#2. That all boats sailed the same course, experienced the same wind/water conditions and degree of interference of clear air.
\#3. That all one-design boats conform to class specifications and rules, and use sails specified by the class.
\#4. That boats with multiple sail inventories (genoas, spinnakers, etc.) utilize the proper sails for the wind conditions and legs of the course.

# The handicap ratings, it should be noted, are not cast in GRANITE and can be changed at the discretion of the RACING COMMITTEE, as these handicaps are for the sole use of the WILDWOOD SAILING CLUB. 

How to determine missing component if 2 components are known
$\mathrm{H}=$ Handicap
$\mathrm{E}=$ Elapsed time in decimal minutes
A = Adjusted time
$A=\underline{E X 100}$
H
$\mathrm{E}=\frac{\mathrm{AXH}}{100}$
$H=\underline{E X 100}$
A

## July 31/08

The Racing Committee has adopted the following change to determining handicaps in an effort to improve the handicapping system.

## The Handicapping Rating for the winner of a race, based on adjusted times, WILL BE CHANGED to the minimum handicap that allows him/her to finish ahead of the second place finisher.

| E.g .NEW HANDICAPS |  |  |  |
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Actual time of winner(decimal minutes) $=$ New handicap(round up to next whole Second place finisher's adjusted time(decimal minutes) number)

Double check that winner's new adjusted time is marginally faster than second place finisher's adjusted time.

