



Mawson Lakes Model Yacht Club

RYGGED START

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Newcomers to model yachting can find the “competitive cruising” environment to be a daunting experience, particularly with a mass start, when anarchy and overcrowding can overwhelm the beginner leading to a high member fallout rate.

The Club has adopted this personal handicapping system for its “cruising” events to;

1. Relieve the beginner of the pressures of crowded mass start lines, until they are sufficiently experienced and confident to cope
2. Give encouragement, by enabling some early successes and wins
3. Eliminate the beginner's proneness to hanging around well behind the start line in order to avoid close contact sailing and possibly damaging a boat

The System: New members who elect to participate in “competitive cruises” will be granted a 'full' maximum red handicap advantage upon joining the club. They will also be exempted from knowing the 7 basic rule of sailing we use, thereby placing all responsibility for avoiding collisions on the other boat.

The handicap granted indicates the number of second's advantage that a sailor has at the start and is given according to the following table:

Note:

On a designated long course when a “Full Rygged Start” applies, boats leaves the line when it's colour is called.

When it is a short course, a “Divisional Rygged Start” applies in which case Division 1 leaves when red is called, Division 2 when black is called & Division 3 when Orange is called.

The Course Card defines Long & Short Courses.

Div'n	Colour	Handicap	Points
1	Red	Red	Scratch 8
1	Yellow	Yellow	30 sec's 10
1	Green	Green	60 sec's 15
2	Black	Black	90 sec's 19
2	Blue	Blue	120 sec's 24
2	White	White	150 sec's 30
3	Orange	Orange	180 sec's 38
3	Purple	Purple	210 sec's 48
3	Pink	Pink	240 sec's 60

Each sailor possessing a handicap flies a coloured TELLTALE (ribbon) issued by the Sailing Master to be flown on the BACK STAY of his or her boat. Any boats not carrying a Telltale are still expected to start at the proper time.

Boats with a Red handicap are allowed to cross the start line at the Start Time when 'Reds Away' is called. Boats with a Yellow handicap start 30 seconds later when 'Yellows Away' is called and so on, until all colours (in order) are under way.

When a sailor has accumulated sufficient points (see the table above) on a 4 3 2 1 basis, it results in a lowering of the handicap by one colour, at which time the Sailing Master issues a new ribbon.

NOTE ALSO: The colour follows the sailor not the boat thus any new boat carries its sailors current colour. At the beginning of the season the Executive may revise all members points status, generally moving everyone not on red back at least one colour.