



ST HELIER YACHT CLUB AND ROYAL CHANNEL ISLANDS YACHT CLUB

JOINT CLUB STATEMENT

HANDICAPS

Following the recent well-attended seminar presented by James Dadd of RORC and Bas Edmonds of the RYA, the Sailing Committees of St Helier Yacht Club and Royal Channel Islands Yacht Club have decided to support the national route and will be running the 2016 racing season under the IRC rating system, alongside the RYA's National Handicap for Cruisers System ("NHC").

All boats will be automatically allocated an NHC handicap upon entering their first series or race of the season, thereby giving a simple route of entry to racing as no handicap forms are required. All boats will race under NHC in two classes, Class A and Class B.

Both clubs' preference remains with the IRC rating system. Those owners who have obtained a 2016 IRC rating should submit their IRC certificate to the appropriate administration office before their first race of the season. Boats with an IRC will race in IRC in Class 0, 1 or 2 as well as in their respective NHC Class (the boat split between IRC Classes 1 and 2 will be the same as the split for NHC Classes A and B).

Prizes will be presented for the winners in their respective classes under both systems.

This dual-scoring system will be shared by both clubs for all races in 2016, and hopefully further years to come.

It should be noted that under NHC, a boat's handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes rule 62 under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.

For more information on the NHC, please visit the dedicated page on the RYA website:
<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/NHC.aspx>.

For those interested in obtaining an IRC rating, please either visit the website (<http://www.ircrating.org/>), or send any questions to James Kent, St Helier Yacht Club's IRC Advocate, by email to sailing.shyc@gmail.com, who will be able to tell you about the various promotions IRC have to offer and assist in completing the registration.

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