



DYS – Rules for changing boat class or sail size during the season

- For each event a helm may choose to sail any boat that meets the criteria defined in the Notice of Series. However, for each event result to be carried forward to a series entry then the following rules apply. These rules are put in place to ensure fairness across the season, preventing sailors (lucky enough to have a choice) from choosing a class of boat or sail size to best suit the wind conditions on the day. Not all sailors and classes of boat have these options available to them.
- The definition of a “boat change” is either a change in boat class or a change in rig size. For example changing from a Topper to Laser or from an ILCA 4 to an ILCA 6.
- For a series entry, only one “boat change” is allowed. This recognises that sailors grow in size and develop their skills over the year and it is unfair to ask them to remain in a boat that is too small for them. Therefore the “boat change” can only be to a larger, more advanced class of boat or to a larger size of sail.
- Once a sailor has had a “boat change” in a series, their series entry cannot revert back to the original boat.
- At the end of the season the best results (from both classes of boat) over the year will be taken for qualification, regardless of which boat was sailed or whether there are enough results to qualify in just one class of boat.
- Any further changes after boat 2 will not count towards a series entry.
- If a sailor would like to sail a different boat as a one off, at a specific event, they must inform the committee **before** the event and then this result will be excluded from their series entry. This result will not form a new series entry.
- In exceptional circumstances, if a sailor has been forced to sail different boats or had to revert back to an original or lower class of boat, due to circumstances beyond their control, then they may seek permission from the executive committee to have all their results considered.
- Sailors who hire boats will automatically have their results combined if the same class of boat is hired each time. If during an event they are only able to hire a different class of boat, then they can seek permission for this from the executive committee, as above.
- These rules do not prevent a sailor from choosing to use a smaller sail as a reef on very windy days (safety is important). However, if they want this result to count towards their series, they must inform the race committee and DYS representatives, on the day, of this decision and they will then be handicapped on their original (lower) PY as if they were still using the larger sail (but had manually reefed the larger sail).