

## **HANDICAP START RACE PROCEDURES**

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1. The course to be sailed will be signalled from the PSYC signal mast at the starting line, except for Wednesday Twilight races that have a specified course.
2. Each yacht starting the race must obtain their starting time prior to setting out. Handicaps are displayed in the window board at the clubhouse entrance.
3. The standard race time may be altered by the Sailing Committee and notified in the racing program.
4. Yachts are expected to have a timepiece on board that is set to Eastern Standard Time.
5. Pointscore and Sternchaser handicaps will be calculated in minutes from the PSYC Computer Yardstick awarded to each yacht for the event. Handicaps will be based on a standard race time of 160 minutes. See table attached.
6. A negative handicap in minutes is for yachts which are to start before the nominal start time and a positive handicap in minutes is for those yachts which are to start after the nominal start time.
  - 6.1. In a race with a nominal start time of 1300 hours a yacht with a handicap of 1000 will have a handicap start of zero and will start at 1300 hours.
  - 6.2. A yacht with a handicap of 900 will have a positive handicap start of +10 and will start at 1310 hours.
  - 6.3. A yacht with a handicap of 1100 will have a negative handicap start of -10 and will start at 1250 hours.
7. Handicaps may be amended after each race, based on the elapsed time of competing yachts.
8. Each yacht will be required to record her elapsed time for the race on the Finish Sheet in the clubhouse.
9. The elapsed time is the difference in times taken between crossing the start line and crossing the finish line.
10. Skippers not returning to the clubhouse may report the elapsed time by telephone to the clubhouse (4982 0919) by 2130 hours. If there is no answer, leave the yacht name and time on the answering machine. Failure to record a finish time may result in a DNF for the race.
11. A yacht without a handicap (one sailing her first race) shall start at the nominal time.
12. Wednesday Twilight handicaps will be calculated on +/- seconds used where the course is the same for each race.