

SAILING ISSUES: Time-on-Time or Time-on-Distance Handicap ratings for One-Design Fleet

Earlier this summer, several racers approached Mike Anderson regarding the process of using the handicap ratings to adjust finish times (both Portsmouth and PHRF). At Mike's suggestion, our club scorer, Ann Kilpatrick, contacted our resident rules and scoring procedure expert, Bayless Kirtley, who had written an article some time ago on the time-on-time vs. time-on-distance differences. Although he wasn't able to locate that file, he reconstructed the paper and agreed to let us publish it so all racers will have a better understanding of why we do it the way we do. His article started by explaining "why" then went on into the derivation of the formulas, etc.

The "why" is the old worn but accurate phrase, "Fast boats win slow races and slow boats win fast races." What that actually says is this: in a race of any given distance, slower boats tend to finish about the same distance behind a faster boat, regardless of the wind speed within reason, of course. On a light air day, it takes a lot longer to make up that distance than the same distance with better winds. All the boats are moving faster.

First consider just two boats, one that can sail a 5 mile race in one hour and another that can only sail 4 miles in that same hour, both in moderate wind. In those conditions, the slower boat would take another 15 minutes to reach the finish. A PHRF rating of 180 seconds/mile for the slow boat relative to the fast boat would result in a tie on corrected time.

Now consider the same two boats and the same race but with a much lighter wind, such that the faster boat now takes 2 hours to finish. The relative speed potential of the boats is still the same so the slower boat is still about one mile behind. The difference now is

that it will take 30 minutes at the much slower speed for it to reach the finish and the 18 sec/mile is just meaningless.

The way race committees attempt to correct for this problem is by recording an altered course distance. In the above situation, the race could be recorded as 10-miles instead of 5 in the lighter wind. This would exactly eliminate the bias and still make the two boats exactly tie on corrected times. This is a completely legitimate method and one we used for years before changing to time-on-time. Remember the PHRF by-laws, and I believe the RRS or at least the appeals, state that the race committee's decision regarding course distance cannot be questioned. A similar scenario can be described for the "slow boats win fast races" side of the quote but we leave that one to the readers. The mathematics (basic arithmetic here) is simple enough. Derivation of valid time-on-time formulas is not so much but be assured we have already done all that. In short, Time-On-Time is simply a much fairer all-around method. Portsmouth uses time-on-time although in a different form and C/B racers don't seem to have a problem with it.

The only disadvantage I can see is, it's harder to calculate at any time during a race, just how far ahead or behind you may be. The solution I have used when really necessary is to do the same as the race committee had to do before. Think, this is a five (5) mile race but it's pretty slow today so think of it as seven (7) miles instead. This actually works pretty well.

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The other issue Ann asked Bayless to explain was why we don't use handicap ratings within a one-design fleet. Here is his explanation that is probably much clearer than Ann's efforts to explain it to various fleets from time to time.

There is one very important reason for not allowing handicap corrections within one-design fleets. It is inherently unfair to the boats that have no choice but to race handicap with an example to elaborate the statement.

1. The club is committed to providing handicap racing for those who have no choice.
2. We also strongly encourage one-design racing.
3. Larger fleets are more fun than smaller fleets.
4. If some small group wants to race one-design instead, that's great, but it does remove those boats from the handicap fleet diminishing it somewhat. As we know, that's already a problem anyway.

If we make it too easy or comfortable for fleets to do so, pretty soon there are not enough in the handicap fleets to form races. It is better to make them really want to level race. If they really want to handicap then just stay in the handicap fleets.

So, if a group of boats wants to pull out of handicap racing then the only fair way to allow it as a one-design or at least one-level fleet. That's what the Level-170 fleet has done. They wanted to race as a fleet and, although they have a fair range of ratings, they race as a level fleet, without handicaps. Any one-design group should, out of fairness to everyone else, do the same.

With give much thanks and appreciation to Bayless Kirtley for his clear explanation of two ongoing issues in our racing program!

Mike Anderson, Race Committee Chairman
Ann Kilpatrick, Scorer

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COMMODORE—David Archibald

TRANSITIONS

It is the time of year when we select the next slate of leadership for our club. Enjoying the benefits of the club is not enough, ask yourself how you can also serve the club. There are a multitude of ways to serve the club. One is to run for an elected position. The Nominating Committee is working to identify those who would like to serve. If you are asked, please consider running.

We also have several committees that help the club operate and provide the programs we offer. If you are asked to serve on a committee, consider serving.

We have a great club that we run ourselves, help keep the club great by asking where you can best serve OCBC.

See you on the water,
David



Vice Commodore—Glede Holman

Many of us have been traveling this summer and with that I say Greetings from New England! Teresa and Cliff joined me in Newport, RI for a long weekend of socializing, boating and fine dining as well as being aboard when Chris proposed to our future daughter-in-law, Alixandra. Our trip also included visits to the Naval War College and Mystic Seaport.



I pondered what to write about this month while we were guests at the International Yacht and Athletic Club and that is when member benefits popped into mind. A huge benefit that comes with your OCBC membership is reciprocity with many other clubs throughout the Nation. Some clubs are stricter than others and require advanced notice of your visit as well as a letter from our Commodore, indicating your membership is in good standing, while other clubs may allow entrance by presenting your membership card. While I have been fortunate to enjoy “walk in” privileges it is best to consider what clubs you might want to visit in your travels and coordinate well in advance.

I look forward to seeing you around the club and on the water.

Nominating Committee Report

The Board of Governors approved the Nominating Committee (NC) at its June meeting which consists of Chris Bayouth (Chair), Mike Anderson, David Bass, Scott Law, Joel Males, Steve Meyer and Robbin Phillips. Due to the Leadership Development Task Force timeline, the NC is starting its annual mode of selecting members for the slate of officers and board members a little later than last year. The NC thanks each of you for your interest in learning more about leadership in our club, especially the positions slated by the Nominating Committee. Below we have included the basic requirements set out in our Constitution and Bylaws which vary a little from officer to officer for the positions as well as general criteria for all the positions slated by the Nominating Committee.

Due to the length of Article V which sets out most of the responsibilities of the Board of Governors as a board, we have not included those provisions which are the criteria in the Bylaws for the at-large positions. Our club is fortunate to have many members who have served on the board one or more times so it is a challenge to select two candidates for positions on the slate, other than the move-up positions (Treasurer-elect moves up to Treasurer, Rear Commodore to Vice Commodore and Vice Commodore to Commodore). As the members of the Nominating Committee were approved at the June Board meeting, the NC thought it would be helpful to our members to see what positions the Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates beginning in June. They are also interested in your suggestions – whether you are interested or know of someone you would like them to consider.

Our Bylaws require that only Regular Members and Eligible Spouses are eligible to hold elective office (*Article IV, Section 1*) with some limitations set out in Sections 1 and 2a. Our Bylaws provide that: (1) No Member in arrears for indebtedness to the Club shall be eligible to hold office, be entitled to vote, or compete in any race. (*Article III, Section 1*); (2) A nominee for office in the Club must be a Regular Member in good standing for at least one (1) year immediately preceding nomination for office and shall not be eligible to succeed himself for more than one term (*Article IV, Section 1*).

In addition to requirements in our Constitution and Bylaws, the Nominating Committee uses a list of criteria in its determination and selection of nominees for various positions on the slate. While meeting all of the criteria is desirable, from time to time in order to complete the slate, the Nominating Committee is flexible. This is why the criteria are not part of the Constitution or Bylaws. It should also be noted that being responsible for various tasks needed for our organization to fully function, from time to time, various sub-tasks have been delegated to other club members. Interest in participation in a leadership position is desired and is shown by the member's attendance at meetings, work parties, social functions, educational seminars and participation in the racing program of OCBC to gain an understanding of "how OCBC works."

Criteria for Rear Commodore: As our leadership structure currently provides for a move-up process from Rear Commodore to Vice Commodore to Commodore, the criteria is a member who has been involved in most aspects of the Club by participating in racing, attending club monthly meetings, serving or assisting one or more committees. It is strongly recommended that a candidate for Rear Commodore have served on the Board of Governors in some position (Secretary, Treasurer or an at-large) in the past. The ability to attend most Board and monthly club meetings is very important which involves the member's schedule and other commitments for a period of 4 years. The duties of Rear Commodore are:

“...shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the discharge of their duties, officiate in their absence, and chair the House, Dock, and Anchorage Committee. The Rear Commodore shall grant or terminate assignments of use of Club assets to Members in his or her discretion and shall maintain a record of all use assignments, including the effective date of the assignment and termination of assignment. The Rear Commodore's grant or termination of assignments is subject to review and approval by the Board of Governors.” (*Article VI, Section 3*)

Criteria for Vice Commodore: As our leadership structure currently provides for a move-up process, unless a vacancy in the position of Vice Commodore is to be filled by nominee(s) from the Nominating Committee, the general criteria is not different than for Rear Commodore (see above). Candidates for Vice Commodore should have served as Rear Commodore at some time. Although not set out in the OCBC Bylaws, since several years after the 501(c)(3) organization Lighthouse Charities, Inc. was created, *the Vice Commodore and Treasurer-elect serve as co-chairs of the Lighthouse Charity Regatta Planning Committee.* The duties of Vice Commodore are:

“...shall, in the absence or disability of the Commodore, perform the duties of the Commodore. He or she shall assist the Commodore in the discharge of his or her duties. He or she shall chair the Planning Committee.” *(Article VI, Section 2)*

Criteria for Commodore: As our leadership structure currently provides for a move-up process, unless a vacancy in the position of Commodore is to be filled by nominee(s) from the Nominating Committee, the criteria is not different than for Rear Commodore (see above). Candidates for Commodore should have served as Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore at some time. The duties of Commodore are:

“Section 1. The COMMODORE shall be the commanding officer of the Club and the Fleet. It shall be his or her duty to carry out the instructions of the Board of Governors; announce the rules and regulations of the Club; appoint all Committees except the Nominating Committee; preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board of Governors; and do all other things usual to this office according to accepted yachting customs.

Section 1a. The Commodore shall prepare an annual budget within thirty (30) days following the annual meeting and submit such budget to the Board of Governors for approval.” *(Article VI, Section 1)*

Criteria for Secretary: Due to the duties of Secretary (set out below), it is very important that the Secretary be able to attend Board and monthly club meetings, and secure someone from the Board to take minutes at any Board meeting and someone to take minutes at any membership meeting the Secretary is unable to attend. The duties of the Secretary are:

“ (1) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Governors in books provided for that purpose and to have custody of reports and documents connected with the meetings of the Club.

(2) Keep a correct roll of the Members, showing dates of election, classification, and addresses.

(3) Have custody of the Club seal.

(4) Conduct the correspondence of the club, give notice of all meetings of the Club and in cases of special meetings shall state the business intended.

(5) Be ex-officio secretary to any committee requesting this service.

(6) Post the current amounts and allocations of initiation fees, annual dues and maintenance dues in a schedule attached to these Bylaws, which is incorporated into and made a part of these Bylaws.”

(Article VI, Section 4)

Criteria for Treasurer: Due to the duties of Treasurer (set out below), it is very important that the Treasurer be able to work with the software used by the Club to keep financial records. While attendance at Board and monthly meetings is desirable and encouraged, preparation of the financial records on a timely basis for presentation at such meetings is extremely important. The duties of the Treasurer are:

“ (1) Have charge of the funds of the Club, keep a correct account of all moneys received and paid out, and, under the direction of the Board of Governors, to disburse the funds.

(2) Deposit the funds in the name of the Club in a depository approved by the Board of Governors.

(3) Present at each regular meeting of the Club, and whenever so requested by the Board of Governors, a detailed account showing the financial condition of the Club, and to file the same with the Secretary.

- (4) Collect all moneys due to the Club.
- (5) Make the annual report and submit the same to the Membership at the close of the fiscal year.
- (6) Maintain the proper allocations of funds to capital and operating accounts.”

(Article VI, Section 5)

Criteria for **Treasurer-elect**: Due to the duties of Treasurer (set out above), it is very important that the Treasurer-elect be able to work with the software used by the Club to keep financial records (*online QuickBooks*). While attendance at Board and monthly meetings is desirable and encouraged, preparation of the financial records on a timely basis for presentation at such meetings is extremely important. Although not set out in the OCBC Bylaws, since 1-2 years after the 501(c)(3) organization Lighthouse Charities, Inc. was created, *the Vice Commodore and Treasurer-elect serve as co-chairs of the Lighthouse Charity Regatta Planning Committee and the Treasurer-elect serves as Treasurer of Lighthouse Charities, Inc. (“LCI”) including its annual regatta and other programs/activities*. The duties of the Treasurer-elect are more or less the same as those shown above for Treasurer, however for the financial records of LCI. ***(See Article VI, Section 5)***

Criteria for **Board Member at-large**: No specific tasks or responsibilities are set out in the Bylaws for the three (3) at-large members of the Board of Governors. Your attention is directed to **Article V** which is long but includes most of the issues the Board of Governors is responsible for throughout the year. Since the support, opinions and assistance of these board members are desired during discussion at both Board and monthly club meetings, attendance of these meetings is important.

Article V, Section 13 states that “... Missing three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be considered equivalent to tendering a resignation from the Board. The Board of Governors must vote upon such resignation at the next regular Board meeting.”

We encourage you to let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in serving in one of the positions on the Board of Governors or if you know of someone you would like for the Nominating Committee to consider as a nominee for the slate.

Thank you for your support and service to our Club in whatever capacity you are able to provide.

Chris Bayouth, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Lighthouse Charities, Inc. has a new face!



At its monthly board meeting last Thursday, August 4, the Lighthouse Charities, Inc. board approved engaging a volunteer Executive Director. **Jessica Robinson**, a former member of OCBC whose son participated in sailing camps as a camper and later as a counselor and is now the Executive Director of LCI. Her resume includes much training, education and experience that would benefit LCI: non-profit board and volunteer experience including special events and fundraising, a special education teacher and after-school program director.

Her enthusiasm is contagious and she is very excited to help LCI move its programs and community involvement to the next level. She has been active this summer assisting in the regatta weekends as well as working with Ann Kilpatrick last spring to make contacts to increase participation using scholarships given to various organizations. She welcomes any ideas, suggestions and especially volunteers as there are tasks to be done throughout the year. Please feel free to contact her at jessicasellshome@gmail.com or (405) 600-5355.

LADIES' SAILING—Anita Endres

It's been great to see so many boats out on the lake this summer. What a great way to beat the heat. We will continue to have Saturday morning sailing, 9:30-noon throughout August and September (provided there is good weather and WATER!!) Everyone better start doing their Rain Dance!! The only weekend we will not have Sat. sailing in August is the 20th since the Old Lady of the Lake and Old Man of the Lake Regatta will take place that day.

Tuesday night race series is still happening throughout August. Bring your centerboard out or use an LCI RS Zest to compete (waiver and capsized drill must be completed and pay a \$25/season fee).

Don't forget to come to Yoga on Fridays at 6:30. We have a variety of great instructors.

See you on the water (as long as we still have some),

Anita

TRADING PAGE

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