

WELCOME TO THE HBYC 2021 RACING SEASON

Hello HBYC Racers!

It's time to start the HBYC 2021 Racing Season!

I have scheduled 7 points races for this season plus a Women-at-the-Helm Race. The 7 points races will be used to determine the 'RACER of the YEAR" and the Season Series standings. The 2021 race dates are indicated on the HBYC calendar. The race schedule and description of the scoring method will be described in a separate tab on the HBYC web site (myhbyc.com) under the racing tab..

This year I would like to try to make the races more fun for the less experienced racers and see if we can get some new racers to join us. This will also make the races a little more challenging for the more experienced racers. To do this I plan to have 2 fleets for the Monohull Class, an "A" Fleet and a "B" Fleet. The "A" Fleet will include all racers who have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the final Season Series standings in any of the past seasons. The "A" fleet will also include all racers who have ever won the "Racer of the Year" award. The "B" Fleet will include all other racers.

The "B" fleet would start before the "A" Fleet, probably 2 or 3 minutes before, but this may vary depending on wind conditions and the length of the race. The corrected time for all racers, will be based on the starting time of the "A" Fleet, using the Time-on-Time Correction Factors. In other words, the "B" Fleet racers would get a head start and the "A" fleet racers would have to catch them.

Hopefully, this would make racing a little more fun for newer, less experienced racers since there would be less congestion for them at the start line. They would be less likely to feel that they should hang back at the start, to "stay out of the way" of the other racers. They would also get to lead the race for a while and hopefully, be closer at the finish.

However, if a "B" Fleet racer finishes 1st or 2nd on corrected time in any 2 races, they will then be moved to the "A" Fleet for the remainder of the season.

Multihulls will race with the Monohulls, same start time, but will be scored separately. If there are 3 or more Multihulls that enter the race, the multihulls will probably have a separate start time.

Awards: Trophies, Medallions, Certificates, etc will be awarded for races and the Season Series as described under the "2021 Schedule and Scoring" tab.

Please check out the other tabs on the racing page for fleet handicap information, racing rules, description of our trophies, and race marker waypoints.

In the past, we had "after-race" gatherings for the racers, spectators, crews, committee boat crew, and spouse/partners of all participants. These were always fun, but due to the Covid virus last year, we were unable to have these parties. I hope we can have these gatherings again this year, but it will depend on the virus situation at the time of the event.

Our races are informal and fun and I would like to encourage everyone to come out and race with us. Racing your boat is one of the best ways to improve your sailing skills and to learn how to make your boat sail better and faster.

Come on out and join us and have some fun!

Dean Perry

HBYC Race Director - 2021