



WCA Sailing – summer series formats and scoring

The summer series is planned to provide a variety of different racing styles to cater for different tastes and levels of experience. There is typically (not always) racing every other week, with series spread out over the season.

Scoring system – general

The Racing Rules of Sailing have a [simple system of awarding points](#) in order of finishing. There may be discards over the length of a series to eliminate a boat's worst performances. A series result will total the points of finishing places with a deduction for discards if applicable. Here are the main principles, abbreviated:

- Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score(s)
- If a boat has entered any race in a series, she shall be scored for the whole series.
- Each boat finishing shall be scored points as follows: First place 1 pt, Second place 2 pts etc
- A boat that did not start (or finish) shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series

The following abbreviations are used in results:

- DNS – did not start
- DNF – did not finish
- RET – retired
- DSQ - disqualified

Our series are short so we use discards to eliminate typically one or two worst scores. See below.

Series formats

Pursuit Series – 4 race days, 1 race per day, 1 discard

These are informal and relaxed events which are an excellent introduction to racing. Boats start in reverse order of handicap with only one or two boats starting at any one time which avoids the need to worry about rules and avoiding boats along a start line.

Signature Series - 4 race days, 8 races, 2 discards

Signature races are informal but use either a rabbit or line start format (see Info section of website). They are a good introduction to usual racing procedures, but with a modest number of starting boats.

Spin Off Weekend – 2 days, 4 races, 1 discard

Competitive, more formal racing but with a smaller fleet, a good introduction to Interclub races.

Interclub series – 3 race days, 6 races, 2 discards

The Interclub series is more competitive, typically with a larger fleet leading to busier line starts and more close racing at marks. 2 discards is relatively large for a 6 race series but it allows for a boat to be competitive if an event is missed.

The remaining Trophy Races do not use discards: Easter Regatta - informal season opener - 2 races, Midsummer Long Race and Commodore's Cup - informal weekend with pursuit race.