

Fleet Point Scoring System

A properly chartered Divisional Fleet may hold races for point scores on the system outlined on these pages. Such races can be participated in only by boats and owners holding measurement certificates and dues decals for the current year in this Association. At the option of the local fleet, unpaid members may sail registered boats in fleet races in order to promote interest among non-members. They shall receive no points and they shall not count as one of the minimum number of boats required to make an official race. Unmeasured and unpaid boats cannot be counted as starters or finishers.

Each fleet should have someone especially appointed to keep the results of point score races and to send them to the Executive Director. Special forms are provided for this purpose and may be had upon request from the Executive Director. Particular care should be used to see that the scores are free from mathematical errors and a duplicate copy should be kept by the fleet. Read the instructions on the sheets and on these pages and send in the race results on time, completely figured.

Rules for Figuring Point Scores

1. No recognition shall be given to an unmeasured boat.
2. No recognition shall be given to a boat whose owner or owners have not paid their Association dues for the current year.
3. Points shall be awarded to skippers, but in the case of co-owners only one skipper can qualify for the National Championship, and only one skipper can sail in any sanctioned regatta and only one score can count for national or international point scores. In the event that a boat is sold during the course of a racing season, her accumulation of points shall be disregarded as to her new owner who must start as though purchasing a brand new boat. However, if specifically and promptly requested by the seller, the accumulated points of the boat sold may be transferred and credited to another boat when purchased by such seller; otherwise the seller too must start all over again with his next boat.
4. A boat that is disqualified shall receive no bonus for the race in which she is disqualified. She shall be credited with the points equal to one place lower than the last; "last" being based upon the total of all start-

ers. Thus, if there are nine boats to start in a race and one is disqualified, the disqualified boat gets tenth place points and no bonus. She can, however, by going into sixteen point score races make this up. A disqualified boat may be counted as the fifth boat in a point score race, but she would get points for sixth place and no bonus. In case of a flagrant violation of the racing rules, the race committee may take whatever other steps it deems necessary.

5. There must be at least five paid-up and measured Snipes starting in every point score race to have it recognized.
6. There must be a minimum number of five point scoring races before recognition can be given by the Association.
7. In all races up to and including fifteen, the bonus of ten points per race shall be allowed. In races over fifteen, no bonus shall be awarded, the boat receiving a bonus of ten points per race or a total of 150 points for fifteen races even though the boat may have taken part in any number of races in excess of fifteen. (see paragraph 9).
8. Boats that do not finish a race but which sail in the vicinity of the starting line after the preparatory signal, are counted as starters to make up the necessary five boats. When a boat does not finish a race she shall be given points for last place and her divisor shall be increased by one. Thus, if there are seven boats in a race and one fails to finish, she shall get points for seventh place. In a race for seven boats, if three fail to finish, all three get seventh place points, and so on. Boats that fail to finish shall receive the 10-point bonus (See paragraph 9). A boat which drops out of a race after a rule infraction within a reasonable length of time shall be considered as a boat which did not finish - that is, it gets points for last place and does not lose bonus points in point score races.
9. This Point scoring system shall not be used for Sanctioned regattas.
10. Fleet Captains must give fleet members at least three days notice in advance of any point scoring race. Before the racing season starts, a fleet should make up a definite schedule of race dates and stick to them. This list should be given to every member.
11. Boats from two or more fleets cannot compete for point scores as one fleet.
12. If two or more boats tie in a race, each shall receive full place points

for that place; and succeeding boats not in the tie shall receive their place points as though there had been no tie; i.e. as though the tied boats had finished separately.

13. In the event that two or more boats tie in the final point standings, the boat that had taken part in the great number of races shall be considered as being ahead of the other.
14. All point scoring races must have minimum length of at least 2 ½ miles and preferably 3 to 3 ½ miles. The maximum length should not exceed 5 miles.
15. Timing is not important but such timing is taken with the starting signal; and the finishes at the time the bow of a competing boat should cross the finish line.

How the System Works

The system is a lot simpler than it looks and works as follows: A certain number of points are awarded to each boat finishing a race, depending on position. In order to overcome the inequalities which might occur with some fleets with a large number of competitors as against a fleet having only the necessary five boats no bonus or score is given for the number of boats beaten. Also in order to overcome the unequal situation in regard to the number of races held, the points for each race are added to the total points of a given boat for a season and the resulting figure divided by the number of races in which the boat has competed. This gives an average point score and gives each fleet an equal break regardless of the number of boats racing or the number of races held.

Thus, the more races a boat takes part in the larger the bonus score piled up but also, the more races a boat is in, the more chances she has of being defeated and a perfect score is almost impossible to attain. This bonus gives everyone a better chance to make a high score and also brings out the boats for racing and makes much more racing.

The point scores shall be awarded on the following basis the left hand column in each case representing the finish place of the boat and the right hand column the points awarded.

Now let us suppose that the same boat has completed her 19th race. The total points at that time come to 26949. This is divided as follows:

26949 divided by 19 = 1418 ⁷/₁₉ average points to date.

We then take the 1418 ⁷/₁₉ and add 150 to it for the ten points bonus for each race up to fifteen according to the rules and we have:

1418 ⁷ / ₁₉	average score
<u>150</u>	10 point bonus for each race to the 15 th race
1568 ⁷ / ₁₉	which is the boat's actual score to date

Should she be in more races, the bonus figure of 150 will not change but the average score will change the total according to where she finishes in a race. In other words a boat must be in the 15 point score races in order to get her maximum bonus figure.

Each fleet must keep its own point scores sending such reports to the Association office. Special forms may be obtained from the Association. Boats that do not make five races in an entire season should not have their point scores sent in, but may be counted among the participating boats in the races they enter. Fleet Captains or whoever has the job of keeping the point records, should make absolutely certain that each owner has paid his Association dues for the current year and that each boat is properly measured.