

RECOMMENDATION FOR SIMPLIFIED SCORING FOR BBYRA

I. INTRODUCTION

As long as we can remember, the one 'gripe' that keeps coming up regarding the BBYRA series has been that its too frustrating because of a fresh foul, breakdown, or emergency cut ruining a long, long series. Also we hear 'we never know how we stand'.

The BBYRA Scoring Committee has put in a great effort to offset this latter complaint, but due to the scoring system (requiring many pages and calculations) the sailors still do not seem to get to see or appreciate ~~and appreciate~~ and make use of the Committee's hard work each week.

This scoring problem has seemed to come to a crisis with the record fleet of M-Scows in 1968. Here is our suggestion for a new scoring system for 1969. We hope you will make use of it for the M-Scows, at least, and that you will present it to the other classes for their comments.

Minimum awards (small flags) could be given to series leaders of 1st half and 2nd half of the season, without compromising tradition and importance of BBYRA Champion (for the whole 10 races).

II. GROUND RULES

1. Low numbers of points is winner.
2. Winner receives 3/4 point; other points given equal to position in race--example:
Winner gets 3/4 point; 2nd place 2 pts; 3rd place 3 pts, etc.
3. WTD, DNS, DSQ, & DNF;s get points equal to total number in race.
4. Skipper must drop one race from 1st 5 scheduled races and drop another race from last 5 races. Drop race may be a DNS (CUT) DNF, DSQ, WTD or WORST FINISH, and may be last race (5th or 10th). Thus 4 best races in 1st half season; plus, 4 best races in 2nd half decide Season Champion.
5. The number of races that count for each half-season is reduced by the number of races cancelled or abandoned. Example...Bay Head race called off, all others held; best 3 races in 1st half and best 4 races in second half count for Championship.
6. Ties go to yacht beating other the most number of times, if no break, most number of 1st places, 2nd places, 3rd places, etc. if no break, flip.

1969 BBYRA M-SCOW P.M. FLEET

HOST CLUB AND TOTAL ENTRIES IN EACH RACE

SKIPPER	CLUB	SAIL #	HOST CLUB AND TOTAL ENTRIES IN EACH RACE										Aug PTS/POS	Final PTS/POS	
			BH 23	IH 16	M 24	NB 25	OG 31	July PTS/POS	L 26	TR 30	MR 32	SA 30			SP 28
RITCHE, W.	BD	4	12	(DNF)	7	5	14	38/15	6	10	11	3	(DNF)	30/11	68/12
HORNIDGE, C.	BD	7	2	4	(10)	7	5	18/3							
ANAGAS, G.	BD	11	8	6	5	12	DSA 31	31/12							
WIENCKE, B.	BD	22	3/4	2	(6)	3/4	4	7 1/2 / 1							
LOVE, D.	BH	10	(DNF) 23	3/4	2	2	10	14 1/4 / 2							
EDWARDS, R.	BH	23	3	5	8	3	DSA 31	19 / 4							
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← CIRCLE INDICATES DROPPED RACE

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IV. ADVANTAGES TO CONTESTANTS

1. They can see their finish place in any particular race directly without arithmetic.
2. Those in the running can easily check who and how far away the competition is (because of the low numbers to add and no division for %'s).
3. A breakdown or foul early (or late) in season doesn't ruin the whole summers chances and efforts.
4. Prizes may be awarded by class or BBYRA for each half= season to keep up the incentive and fun for the many that are not available at the shore for the full 10 races.
5. Those that race in all 10 races have a slight advantage (one or more choice to drop) over those cutting one or two races, as it should be.
6. Easier to report and print so scores will be more available and useful--rather than one big surprise after two months of effort.
7. Winner gets a slight premium (1/2 point) for going 'all out'.

V. DIFFERENCES FOR COMPETITORS

1. It is less likely for dark-horse who 'keeps his nose clean' all summer to beat the hot shots (who may have a DSQ or DNF). This is not really a disadvantage, but a change from past.
2. He cannot take 2 cuts in the same half of the season. But this man can now have a chance for an award for the other half season.
3. Those classes requiring 3 cuts/season (1 extra) for national events, such as lightnings, could plan a double header (AM & PM) with the extra race in place of (rather than optional) the one conflicting with the most popular outside regatta. This would still allow planning for one cut (drop) in July and one in August which should suffice.

VI. ADVANTAGE FOR BBYRA COMMITTEE

1. Will cut scoring time and effort by at least 75% by:
 - (a) keeping all of a class on one page (last year required 12 pages for M's)
 - (b) one entry number per week
 - (c) no calculation of points
 - (d) no division at mid and end season
 - (e) easy to spot leaders for last race awards
 - (f) less chance for error
 - (g) easier and cheaper to reproduce
2. Posting can often be made while on the Committee Boat waiting for late finishes.
3. Allow simple July and August placings to increase spirit and participation. July and August awards could be the qualification flags with extra letters '1st Place--July', etc. This would only mean 3,4, or 5 extra small flags/class.
4. Easy to explain.

Eastern M-Scow District
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