

MEMO TO RACERS

Re: Multiple Starts and Divisions

My Friends,

In the past we have separated racers into a Championship and Challenger divisions and offered separate starts. We did this because newer racers expressed an interest in having a separate start as starting with 30+ boats can be intimidating to new racers.

At the same time, our lake has a small sailing area with shallow water hazards off the northern shore of the racing area. With separate starts, we have observed that boats in the non-starting division will sail closer to shore to keep clear of the starting fleet. When the wind direction is North/South, we simply do not have enough room for a good course and a large enough starting area to accommodate multiple large fleets. Therefore, we have decided that protecting your centerboards from damage is more important than offering multiple starts.

Another benefit to having multiple divisions is that more people, people who don't typically win trophies at regattas, are competing for a chance to win a trophy. This makes the racing more fun and more exciting for more sailing teams. With this in mind we have created a Wild Card Division. Those skippers who finish in the Top 5 at this regatta and those skippers who have won a regatta trophy since the last Glow are not eligible to compete for Wildcard Division awards. Jim and Jennifer Colegrove will ask you your status when you arrive at the lake. We will publish two sets of results on Regatta Network. We will score all boats together and we will also show the results for the Wild Card Division separately. We will have prizes for the Top 5 skipper and crew both divisions.

Thanks for letting me explain this. Also, to Mark Taylor for proposing the concept of the Wild Card Division. If you would like to sponsor a Wildcard Division trophy, please let me know.

Cheers!

Eric Bussell – Regatta Chair