

FLYING FIFTEEN SUNDAY MORNING HANDICAP SERIES SCORING SYSTEM EXPLAINED

The purpose of this handicap system is to produce a series that:

- 1) All the races to count
- 2) The series cannot be won long before the end of the series.
- 3) It cannot be won by someone sailing every race and comes consistently in the middle of the fleet.
- 4) It must be possible for the Open Meeting Circuit Contenders to win but only if they put in a good proportion of the races (in addition to good results.).
- 5) Provides great interest to the middle of the fleet men in addition to the experts – but avoids the use of ‘B divisions and other ‘second class’ helmsman systems.
- 6) To encourage all helms to race more often.
- 7) To encourage all helms to do their very best in every race in which they compete.
- 8) The scoring system must be simple enough to be both understood and maintained.

How the system works

All races count for the helms who compete in them.

Points scored are accumulated continuously. So that it is possible, and indeed highly desirable to display total points scored to date, for each helmsman, so that their relative positions are easily visible.

The helm with the highest number of points at the end of the series is the winner.

In each race, points are awarded to each helm only for beating helmsman of similar standard to, or better standard than, himself.

In particular, a helmsman receives one point for each helm of similar or better standard whom he beats in a race, plus one additional point for starting and one for finishing, without being subsequently disqualified. Helmsmen are considered to be of similar standard if they have a points total at the start of the race, which lies within a certain critical number of points of each other. This critical number is selected before the start of the series. Our experience has shown that to keep the series winner in doubt till very near the end of the series a critical number of **8** is used.

E.g.

Helm	Pts to date	Pos in race	Points Won	Total	(Pts From)
A	30	4	2	32	St, Fin
B	27	3	3	30	A, St, Fin
C	25	1	5	30	A, B, D, St, Fin
D	22	2	6	28	A, B, E, F, St, Fin
E	16	5	4	20	F, G, St, Fin
F	14	6	3	17	G, St, Fin
G	12	R	1	13	St

I hope this answers your questions.

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