

ESSC Portsmouth Number Handicaps for 2009

A Club Adjustment has been applied to the Handicap Number for 2008 based on the 2008 season race results. For all boats with at least 2 races completed, (Folly round the island treated as two races – one for each leg) an average position in the fleet has been calculated. This is a number, which we will call P, between approximately 0.1 and 1. A low P indicates being at the front of the fleet on average and P at the other end of the scale indicates being towards the back of the fleet, on average.

The Club Adjustment to the Handicap Number is a negative number of points where P is low and a positive number of points where P is high. Boats with P mid-range, say 0.5 to 0.55, tend to be in the middle of the fleet on average and so their Handicap Numbers are not adjusted.

In the past we have made corrections in the range –8 to +8. This does not seem to be a large enough adjustment to achieve the objective of making it a little tougher for boats that consistently win and encourage those further back in the fleet. So this year we are making larger adjustments, in the range –10 to +20. We are hoping that this will provide extra encouragement and motivation in the racing and help to spread the trophies around. We shall review the adjustment process at the end of the season.

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