

GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB

IHS and use of PRIMARY and SECONDARY IRC CERTIFICATES

As per Sailing Instruction 15, allocation of IHS handicaps and any changes thereto, are made at the discretion of the Ratings Panel. The Ratings Panel comprises of:- Carol-Anne Stapley (RC Sailing), Martin Ozard, Chris Sharp and Dave Aslett. Any request relating to IHS, including the declaration of a Yacht's Primary or Secondary IRC certificate, should be made to any members of the Ratings Panel. Contact details can be found in the Yearbook.

In accordance with IRC Rule 8.2.1(c) "*Owners shall declare the primary or secondary certificate to the race organiser before the **rating deadline***"

The **rating deadline** means:-

- 1) for all races in the GYC programme that do not have separate entry requirements - at the time of submitting a race entry for the season, a series or an individual race (subject to 3) below);
- 2) for races that have separate entry requirements (eg French Triangle and Inter-Island Race) - at the time of submitting a race entry in accordance with the entry deadline.

For further clarification:-

- 1) The Ratings Panel is likely to approve changes between series, in which case the **rating deadline** is the start of the first race of the series for which the change is to apply;
- 2) no changes are permitted mid series;
- 3) for individual trophy races (eg Donkin and Elliot Cups) no changes are permitted within 9 days of the race.
- 4) unless the Ratings Panel is advised otherwise, it will be assumed that the Primary Certificate is declared for each race entry received for the season, a series or an individual race.

Ratings Panel
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