

REVISIONS TO THE SKIFF RACING ASSOCIATION'S RULES OF RACING

Over the winter the Rules of Racing have been reviewed and a number of changes have been made. Some of these are to tidy up the rules following the recent conversion to a points based system; others are to incorporate changes agreed by the SRA committee over the last two years.

A scullers status is now defined entirely by points. All residual references to sculler's progression status - eg "Senior Sculler" - have been removed, and Sections D and E have been completely redrafted.

The concept of qualifying and non-qualifying events has been removed and all wins now earn a full point. No wins earn only a third of a point.

To compensate for the removal of a third of a point, scullers are allowed four wins at each progressive status level.

If a race is not competed - that is if more than one crew enters but all but one withdraw - the remaining crew is no longer awarded a status point, nor points in the Ormiston, Veteran and Junior Pennants. The crew can still be awarded a prize for the event.

If a crew enters an event but there are no other entrants, it can now be transferred to a handicap race so that it is still able to compete at a regatta. Rules for handicaps according to status points are now defined, and the instructions for starting handicap events are transferred from the Veteran section to the main Rules of Racing.

A crew may now win a senior event without automatically receiving maximum points. However a crew still receives maximum points for a Championship win.

The qualifying age for a Veteran sculler has been raised to 40 years.

A win in a Senior event no longer debars a competitor from all Veteran events, but only from the same type of event (single, double or mixed)

The competition rules for singles events for the Junior Pennant are now incorporated.

The event status names have been revised. It is impractical and a cause of confusion if a set of rules uses the same term for two entirely different entities. The term "Junior" now only applies to competitors under 18. The use of "double-barrelled" status names has also caused confusion. The progression status events names are now as follows

- Senior
- Higher (ex Junior-Senior)
- Intermediate (ex Junior)
- Novice
- Entrant (ex Novice-Restricted)

Entrant events are now incorporated into the points system, as one point events. Rules about qualification for Entrant events have been clarified.

Competitors may now receive up to 13 points in the competition. Competitors' existing status points will be converted automatically to the new system.