

To all RL sailors

At the outset I must emphasize that my reason for providing my PBH performance records is to get individual RL owners to look at their boats sail, rig and hull and make sure they correctly enter their boat in the 29th Bay to Bay as either standard class or individually modified class with disclosed modifications to class measurements so that owners do not either deliberately or inadvertently enter a boat modified with the potential to increase performance without a corresponding increase in it's CBH rating. The best outcome will be for owners to voluntarily correct or declare modifications to their RLs that have the potential to increase performance so that appropriate CBH ratings can be applied for fair fleet and class competition and the worst outcome would be to fracture the fleet with dissent and argument.

The Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (ATYSBR) provides a list of CBH ratings for standard class boats and a list of CBH ratings for individually modified class boats and One of a Kind (OAK) boats which should facilitate fair mixed fleet and class CBH competition between class and modified class boats. The intention of the ATYSB rule is to allow only boats with an ATYSBR CBH rating to compete for CBH trophies.

However because the ATYSBR ratings are in their early stage of development for individually modified class boats and there may not have been opportunity for owners of boats to recognise the existence of the rule or have sufficient time to have individually modified class boats measured for allocation of an ATYSBR CBH rating I have favoured an approach for the 29th Bay to Bay where boats with at least three reasonably consistent Bay to Bay results will be offered a sunset clause whereby I will allocate a CBH for the 29th Bay to Bay. It is my expectation that individual modified class boats will take the time and effort to obtain an ATYSBR CBH rating before the 30th Bay to Bay in 2010 and beyond in order to compete in future CBH competition. Of course all boats will CBH rating or not will be eligible for PBH results.

The Yachting Australia ATYSBR Appendix A list of class boats, individually modified class boats and one of a kind boats CBH ratings that I am working from does not list any RLs that have sailed in past Bay to Bay events as individually modified boats. Now if that accurately reflects the situation then well and good however if there are boats modified to have the potential of increased performance then owners of such boats must declare those modifications whether or not they are sailing near their CBH. Remember the event is for the whole fleet from the fanciest and the fastest to the slowest and all those in between so whether you as sailing at the front of your boat type and class competition and winning trophies or sailing lower down the order and not affecting the CBH prize winners you may be acting unfairly to at least some participants.

Remember the CHB ratings are set by the potential speed of a boat, foils, rig and sails and is not intended to take into account the abilities of the skipper and crew or the age and state of the boat, foils, rig and sails as variations in those factors are the province of the PBH ratings which I introduced a couple of years ago along with the class trophies to provide the widest possible recognition of sailing performance across the fleet.

For you information I have attached a list of RLs that have participated in one or more Bay to Bay events since 2001 with back calculated PBH ratings and averaging and loadings applied to past results to determine ratings for future events and variations of back calculated past performance PBH ratings from CBH ratings and individually modified class boats CBH rating variation from class CBH ratings.

I am happy to discuss my efforts and workings to provide fair CBH and PBH ratings.

Yours sincerely

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