

# RIPON SAILING CLUB

## Personal Handicap Scheme (PHS)



### AIMS

The Ripon Sailing Club Personal Handicap Scheme (PHS) is adapted from that developed by Lymington Town Sailing Club and aims to:

- Establish a clear and objective Personal Handicap Number (PHN) for each club-member.
- Provide a basis for allocating prizes based on performance relative to each competitor's PHN.
- Enable level racing for club members across all levels of abilities.
- Encourage newcomers to start racing on a regular basis.
- Introduce a yardstick for club members to monitor changes to their performance.

### RULES

1. A **Personal Handicap Number (PHN)** is assigned to each helm by the RSC Sailing Committee on completion of an application for membership and based on the criteria in the PHN table below.
2. **PHN** assignments will be subject to review by the Sailing Committee and Fleet Captains after the end of each major series. Changes may be made to both PHN assignments and PY adjustments.
3. Any Club member may request a change in the **PHN** of any helm so long as it is supported by evidence based upon the criteria below.
4. Each **PHN** is allocated a corresponding **PY adjustment** which will be added to the boat handicap for the purpose of calculating results for races run under the **PHS**.
5. The aim of the **PY adjustment** is to ensure approx 60% of prize winning helms in **PHN** results have a PHN of N, 9 or 8, 30% have a PHN of 6 or 7, and 10% have a PHN of 5 or less.

### PERSONAL HANDICAP NUMBERS (PHN)

| PHN      | Description                     | Criteria                                                                                                                   | PY adjust |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>N</b> | Newcomer                        | Completely new to dinghy racing or little or no experience of sailing in the last 5-years.                                 | RSC=300   |
| <b>9</b> | Novice Club Racer               | Has completed at least 5 races during the previous three years and typically finishes in the bottom ½ of the fleet.        | RSC=220   |
| <b>8</b> | Average Club Racer              | Has completed at least 5 races during the previous year and typically finishes in the middle ½ of the fleet.               | RSC=180   |
| <b>7</b> | Competent Club Racer            | Frequent racer whose results are typically in the top ½ of the fleet – ready to attend open meetings.                      | RSC=150   |
| <b>6</b> | Novice Open Racer               | Performs well in club races with results typically in the top ¼ of the fleet – attended open meetings                      | RSC=125   |
| <b>5</b> | Average Open Racer              | Typically finishes in the first 3 during club races – likely to be in top 50% at Nationals or well placed in open meetings | RSC=100   |
| <b>4</b> | Competent Open Racer            | Likely to be in top 25% at Nationals and/or regularly well placed in open meetings                                         | RSC=75    |
| <b>3</b> | National Racer                  | Likely to be in top 10% at Nationals and/or have placed in top-3 at open meetings                                          | RSC=50    |
| <b>2</b> | Competent National Racer        | Likely to be in top 5% at Nationals and/or regularly win small open meetings                                               | RSC=25    |
| <b>1</b> | Highly Competent National Racer | Likely to be in top 3% at Nationals and/or regularly win large open meetings                                               | RSC=10    |
| <b>0</b> | National Champion               | Anyone who is a current National, Continental or World Champion (unless less than 20 boats raced)                          | RSC=0     |