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| **NATIONAL HANDICAPS FOR CRUISERS FOR YACHTS/CRUISERS TAKING PART IN ELYC RACING 2014** |  |  |  |
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**For 2014 onwards ELYC will no longer be using the Portsmouth Yardstick to determine results involving the Cruisers/Yachts. The reason for this is that the system is no longer supported by the RYA and they are encouraging clubs to use the “National Handicap for Cruisers” system as published by them. Full details of the system can be found on the RYA website under racing.**

**This means that Cruisers/Yachts will no longer have a fixed handicap but a rolling handicap which may or may not be adjusted after each race. This adjustment is made by the Results Software automatically and the new handicap applied to the next race that a particular boat takes part in.**

**For Events/Regattas involving boats from outwith the ELYC the handicap for each boat will be as published in the RYA (NHC) list and not the ELYC handicap.**

**As you can imagine the transition to NHC may bring certain problems which I will attempt to deal with as they arise. However in order to allow provisional results to be calculated on the day I will place in the OOD’s blue hardback A4 folder a list of the handicaps which will be updated after each series. The actual results will be published by me on the website as usual, but they may vary from the provisional results for the reasons given in paragraph 2 above.**

**During Season 2013 I ran two results systems, Portsmouth and NHC and the final results for season 2013 will form the NHC Handicaps for the start of season 2014 and these are given below.**

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| **Boat name** | **NHC** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Aquila** | **0.857** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Westaway** | **0.824** |  | **To calculate results:** |  |  |  |
| **Sundance** | **0.961** |  | **C = E x NHC** |  |  |  |
| **Glaros** | **0.865** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sundancer** | **0.822** |  | **where C = The corrected time to nearest Second** |
| **Benisa** | **0.823** |  |  **E = The Elapsed time to nearest second** |
| **Red Lady** | **0.82** |  |  **NHC = The handicap to be used in that race** |
| **Nimrod** | **0.852** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Red Herring** | **0.821** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Boracay** | **0.894** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Vashti** | **0.79** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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