



TopYacht ~ Recording Grand Prix Finishers.

Background:

In some classes, there can be large differences in speed between the most experienced sailors and the least experienced sailors, it is not unusual in a race where the leader completes 3 laps while other boats only complete only 1 lap. To avoid long waiting times for the experienced sailors, and not discourage the less experienced sailors, the Grand Prix finishing system may be used. The aim of the Grand Prix finishing system is to make sure that every sailor who finishes at least one lap will get a score.

Recommended Reading:

It is recommended that users familiarise themselves with the concepts of Grand Prix finishing before proceeding.

Click [HERE](#) to download the event-management document.

Implementation:

TopYacht Setup

Series Setup

It will become apparent that finish times play no part in Grand Prix finishing, and the only factor is a derived 'place', whether it be from actually finishing (as per the definition of *finish* or being derived from a boat's position on the race track when the first boat *finishes*).

The Series Set-up in TopYacht is special.

Admin | Series | Create New Series

- For the Series Mode, scroll down and choose Finish Place, Not Time.

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CREATE NEW SERIES

Clone Series Set Up from Existing Series

Accept Cancel

Series Name: TYPE NEW SERIES NAME HERE!!

Series Mode: Finish Place Not Time

Note/Sponsor :

- Trailables One Design
- Keel Boats Mixed Classes/Types
- Keel Boats One Design
- Mixed Dinghies and Trailables
- One Design with Decimal Seconds
- Finish Place Not Time
- Time On Distance

- Complete the Series Setup as per normal, using a 'one-design' recipe (ie no handicaps)

Race Setup

- Create the race
- Set the Start Time to 00:00:00

Finish Entry

The Race Committee must determine the finish place of each boat in each race, and pass this to the TopYacht operator

- Open Computer Stopwatch (TopYacht Menu Item 9a)

Note: Users will note that the display of the manual / Auto select buttons, Time Entry and Finish Time fields are suppressed. Only the sail-number finish order is displayed.

- Enter the sail numbers in the order determined by the race committee.

Behind the scenes, TopYacht automatically assigns a finish time of 01:00 to the first boat, then advances the time stamp by one minute for subsequent finishers

Process the Race

As Normal (TopYacht Menu Item 10)

Publish the Results

TopYacht Menu Item 11)

- Prior to publishing, suppress the display of all time-related columns

Use the button 

- Publish the results.

Handling Data Entry Errors

- Use TopYacht Computer Stopwatch (TopYacht Menu Item 9a) and edit the order of finishers in the list
- Alternative: Use TopYacht Menu Item 9 and insert a missed boat, using a time stamp of (say) 06:30 to slot it into the original boat order of 6 and 7.

Warning:

Subsequent amendments of the Step 9a screen may require the editing of the time stamp of the missing boat

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