



TopYacht ~ Regatta Mode vs Club-Series Mode.

Background

TopYacht has two modes of operation.

- Regatta
- Club Series

There is a subtle but important difference.

In Regatta mode, the concept of a casual entrant does not exist.

- RRS A2.2 applies. All entrants are treated equally, regardless of one signing up and paying an entry fee for only part of the regatta. Such competitors will always receive a DNC score for any races not sailed.
- Results are displayed in Score order.
- The casual entry option is blocked.
- The display of the 'From'¹ column cannot be suppressed on the working screens².

In Club Series mode, the concept of a casual entrant does exist.

- Behind the scenes, all such entrants are allocated a score of **zero**
- Results are displayed in order by Handicap Corrected time, THEN any Did Nots
- The display of the 'From' column is pre-set to suppressed in the virgin database. See [Appendix 1: Changing the suppression of the 'From' Field.](#)

It follows that if a series setup is changed from Club to Regatta mode at some time after the series has started, casual entrants will appear on the top of the results page because that have a zero **score** despite their actual placing in the race!! Needless to say, such an action is discouraged!!

Mode Selection

The mode selection is made on the first page of the series setup.

The screenshot shows a web form for series setup. At the top is a text input field labeled "Note/Sponsor :". Below it is a section titled "Series Type" with two radio button options: "Club Series....OR..." (which is selected) and "Regatta / Title / Special Event". A red arrow points to the "Regatta / Title / Special Event" option. Below this is a section titled "Exclusions/Discards/Drops" with a sub-section "Exclude Scores" containing three radio button options: "Exclude X%" (selected), "Include X%", and "Specify".

¹ The 'From' column optionally contains the initials of the competitor's home club.

² The publication of the From column can still be suppressed on individual public domain reports by using the



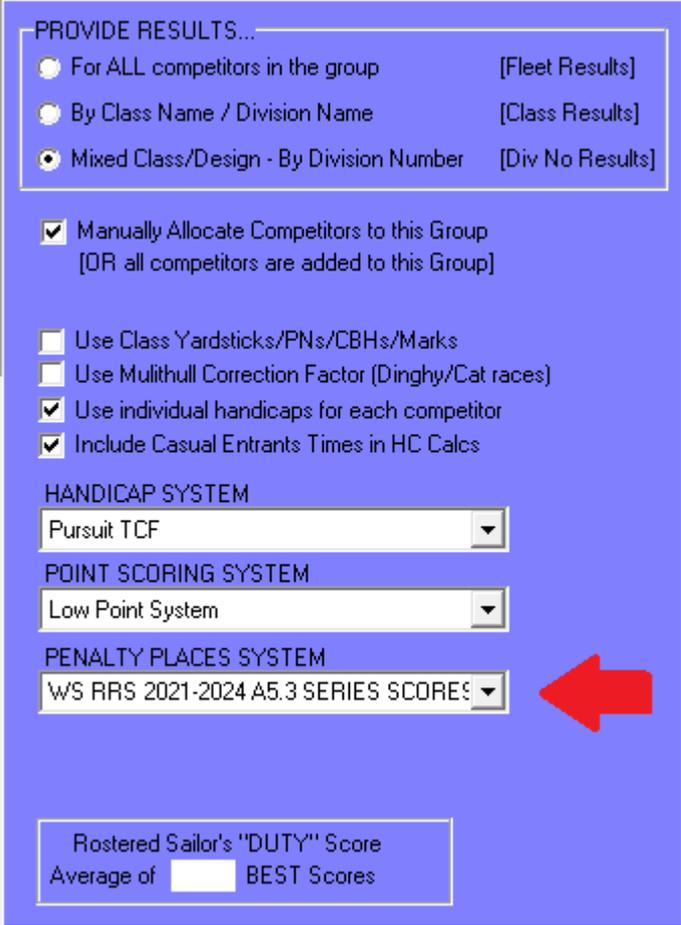
utility available on each report

Handling the Penalty Place Selection.

Users need to choose the appropriate penalty place system to be used independently of the mode.

TopYacht is shipped with penalty place system setups for RRS 2017-2020, which caters for Rule A4.2 and Rule A9, and RRS 2020-2024 which caters for RRS A5.2 and A5.3.

The Penalty Place system selection is done via page 3 of the Series Setup wizard. Vis



PROVIDE RESULTS...

For ALL competitors in the group [Fleet Results]

By Class Name / Division Name [Class Results]

Mixed Class/Design - By Division Number [Div No Results]

Manually Allocate Competitors to this Group
[OR all competitors are added to this Group]

Use Class Yardsticks/PNs/CBHs/Marks

Use Multihull Correction Factor (Dinghy/Cat races)

Use individual handicaps for each competitor

Include Casual Entrants Times in HC Calcs

HANDICAP SYSTEM
Pursuit TCF

POINT SCORING SYSTEM
Low Point System

PENALTY PLACES SYSTEM
WS RRS 2021-2024 A5.3 SERIES SCORES

Rostered Sailor's "DUTY" Score
Average of BEST Scores

A red arrow points to the 'PENALTY PLACES SYSTEM' dropdown menu.

Further Reading:

See the TopYacht Technical article [‘Scoring and Penalties’](#).

Appendix 1: Changing the suppression of the 'From' Field.

Open the **Configure Software** Screen:

Admin | Maintain | Configure Software

Hold down the <Ctrl> key and depress 'X' to expand the screen

The screenshot shows the 'TopYacht CONFIGURATION' window with the following sections and settings:

- STANDARD FEATURES**
 - Show Crew Names:
 - Show File Menu Item:
 - Default Hr Start Time: 23
 - External Backup Path: [Empty]
 - Finish Times By: Hrs Mns Secs
 - Enter Weather/Conditions with Finish Times:
 - Show YardStick Type on Update Class Task:
 - Allow Multiple Yardsticks:
 - View Results after Process:
- ENHANCED FEATURES (needs special security code)**
 - Confirm Starts Mode: 1
 - Use Finish OffSet:
 - Permanent Admin Mode:
 - Auto Internet Menu:
 - Show Av Lap Times:
 - Show Bio Links:
 - Show Series Block Entry Option:
 - Show Series List with Oldest on Top:
 - Show Percent Diff on Results:
 - Permit Sail No Letter Stripping:
 - Late DNC Mode: 1
 - Sailors Names Display Format: First and Last
 - Tie Break Method: WS RRS 2017 - 2020
 - TES Imported HCs match TY HC names not Groups names:
 - Show Note/Bow No: Title: Note
 - Show Note1/Crew3/Bt Strt: Title: Note1
 - Show "Note2" Column: Title: Note
 - Show "Note3" Column: Title: Note
 - Show boat "Design" Column:
 - Show 'From' column on Club Results: (indicated by a red arrow)
 - Show Beat Length Elapsed Time Scaling:
 - Show Race Entrants: Visitors with Series Entrants:
- Round Robin / Medal Race Options**
 - Series Scores By Division for RR Finals:
 - Series Scores By Fleet:
 - Class order by Class ID not Name:
 - Split drops at a race number:
 - Olympic Medal Race Scale Factor: 1.0
 - Points Factor mode: Not Active
- TES Interaction**
 - Live Times Mode: 0
 - Web Times Mode: 0 Hints
- OTHER CONFIGURATION**
 - Create /Edit a Penalty Place System
 - Create / Edit a Score System
 - Create / Edit a Group Definitions
 - Close

Check the check-box indicated.

Once checked, this will globally enable the 'From' column for **all** Club Series that are set up in the particular database.