HalSail FAQ

How do I input results in real time on a phone as boats cross the finish line?

There is a special part of the HalSail website that is optimised for phones, which lets you input results as boats cross the finish line. You select each boat as it approaches, by scrolling down the entry list, and click its sail number as it crosses the line. The phone automatically takes the finish time or place and enters it into HalSail.

You do not need to do anything special to access the phone site. Just log into www.HalSail.com using the phone's browser. HalSail detects that you are using a phone and automatically displays a page that is optimised for that screen size. You can also install HalSail as an app on your phone by clicking this link and scanning the QR code.

The phone site lets you select one or more races, alter start times, enter results and edit them. It lets you view a simplified version of the results, without showing complete details of crews and other information for which there is no room on a small screen. It does not let you access the *Class Register*, *Boat Register* or the *Race Schedule*.

An additional feature, only available on phone screens, is the ability to pre-select the boats that are taking part. The idea is that you do that as boats manoeuvre before the start, so that you know which boats to look out for at the finish. The pre-selected boats are highlighted on the screen with a pink background.

There are two reasons for this feature. Firstly it is a good safety aid. You know that you have to account for all the boats with pink backgrounds by the time all are finished. Secondly it simplifies finding boats as they cross the finish line. All the pre-selected boats are at the top of the list and have pink backgrounds. This is particularly useful in a situation where you have lots of boats in a class, but only a fraction of them are taking part in the race.

As an aide memoire for the race officer, the phone site also lets you see the timing of the flags and sound signals needed to start a particular sequence of races.

In other words, you can do all you need to enter and edit results on the water using your phone.

For more information, you might like to see the video on this subject

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