HalSail FAQ

How do I handle boats that tie for a place in a race?

This FAQ describes how HalSail treats boats that tie for a position in a race. There is a separate FAQ that describes how it breaks ties between boats that have the same number of points in a series.

There are two cases to consider: level racing and handicap racing. In level racing (when the racing class or fleet has handicap type 'level') you enter places directly. If you consider that two boats crossed the finish line simultaneously and you cannot differentiate between them, you enter either one of them first. Then you enter the other one and give it the same place as the previous one. A check box appears asking whether you wish them to tie for the place. You tick that check box and save the result.

In handicap racing you enter finish times as normal. HalSail calculates the corrected times. If two (or more) boats have the same corrected time to the nearest second, HalSail registers them as tied.

Boats that are tied for a place in a race, whether level or handicap, share the points. For instance when using the normal LP scoring system, boats that tie for 4th place share the points for 4th and 5th. So they both get 4.5 points. The next boat is 6th and gets 6 points.

This procedure is as specified in Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 Appendix A para A7.

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