**HalSail FAQ**

**How do I vary a boat's handicap over time?**

With the exception of ECHO and NHC handicaps, this is done in the Boat Register. Handicaps do not vary from race to race or from series to series unless you specifically change them.

Open the Boat Register and find the boat whose handicap you want to vary. Click the handicap value for the class in question to open the handicap form.

- Use the *Add a new handicap to start on a particular date* button to insert another handicap in the list.
- Alter the value in the Hcap column to the desired handicap.
- The default date from which the new handicap is valid is set to the date you perform the operation. To alter the date, click in the *Valid from*column to set the precise date and time you wish the handicap to start. But note the way this depends on the series as set out below.
- Click OK.

**Important:** the handicap actually used for a boat in a particular race depends on how the series is set up. In the race schedule you will find a set of switches on the right-hand side. One of these is labelled *Handicap can vary*. If this switch is set, the handicap used in a particular race is that valid at the start of the race. If this switch is not set, the handicap used is that valid at the start of the first race in the series.

**ECHO and NHC handicaps**

In these progressive systems each boat's handicap is updated automatically after each race in a series. There is no need to put entries in the Boat Register by hand, except at the end of a series when you need to use the built-in tool to insert realigned handicaps to start the next series with.

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