

New series for the 2013-2014 season:

The following series will be contested during the 2013–2014 season and will appear in the Kerikeri Cruising Club's year book as follows:

DIVISIONAL GENERAL HANDICAP CLUB CHAMPIONS – Combination of divisional General Handicap results for the summer Wednesday night series and the Cater Marine winter series results (23 races in all) with up to 6 discardable worst performances (1 after 18 races, 2 after 19 etc through to 6 after 23 races).

How handicaps will be calculated this season:

Handicap updates following races will use handicapping Method 'E' in the Yacht Systems program that will calculate new handicaps as follows:

A yacht's handicap will change according to its race performance as calculated as a time correction factor that would be applied to give it a finish place equal to the reference boat. This performance value is known as a yacht's 'sailed to' value.

Yachts normally sail to within 3% of their race handicap. To avoid extreme performances that would otherwise cause sharp changes in new handicaps the new handicap formula will 'clamp' both very good and very poor performances at upper or lower control limits that will apply for that race. 'Sailed-to' values that fall within the control limits will not be altered.

Following a race, new handicaps will be calculated as:

The average of a yacht's race handicap plus clamped or unclamped 'sailed to' values for a maximum of the last four races sailed.

When a yacht sails better or worse than a race 'handicap limit', initially set at 10%, its new handicap will remain as its race tcf.

All previous race histories have been removed prior to the first race for each tcf type (Rum, General Handicap, Short Handed etc) in the 2013–2014 season.

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