

LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

NOTICE No 2 TO DINGHY SAILORS

PERSONAL SAILING HANDICAPS

INTRODUCTION

The Lymington Handicap Working Party has reviewed the operation of the Personal Sailing Handicap Number System which was introduced at LTSC in March this year.

Over 230 PSHNs have been issued and there are encouraging signs that the introduction of the PSHN system and prizes on Wednesday evenings based on the PSHN results have stimulated discussion and encouraged a number of newcomers to race on a regular basis.

Prizes will continue to be awarded each Wednesday evening based on the Personal Sailing Handicap Results. Ad hoc prizes may also be awarded for other races/series.

"Dinghy Sailing Receptions" are being organised to further encourage participation and social activity and to provide an opportunity to discuss the sailing needs (Saturday Sailing, Cruising, Racing and Training) of those with a PSHN. Initially the main focus will be on those with an N or 9 PSHN. If you would like to attend a Reception please advise the Sailing Secretary.

As a result of their achievements in the first Wednesday Series, nine helms have achieved a lower handicap.

In order to increase the differential between those with a 0 PSHN and those with handicaps primarily in the 1 to 6 range, the PN adjustment has been modified with effect from 1 July 2008 - see below.

LINK FROM PSHN to BOAT HANDICAP SYSTEM

Each PSHN has been allocated a corresponding **Helm Performance Handicap** which will be added to the boat handicap. Until further notice the adjustments will be as follows:

Personal Sailing Handicap No (PSHN)	N	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Helm Performance Handicap from 1 July 2008	200	150	125	100	75	50	30	20	10	5	0
Helm Performance Handicap to 1 July 2008	200	150	100	75	50	25	10	5	3	1	0

ADMINISTRATION

The handicaps are administered by the Lymington Handicap Working Party which includes Richard Phillips (Chairman), Simon Ward, Richard Lilley, Richard Russell & Wendy Bonney.

Each helm and crew who complete a **LTSC Contact & Sailing Experience Form – 2008** is initially allocated a PSHN by the Sailing Secretary which is subject to review.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Full details of the operation of the PSHN can be found on the Lymington Handicap Sailing Scheme page which is linked from the Dinghy Racing Section of the LTSC website at www.ltsc.co.uk