

**Cruising Class
Rule Book 2008**

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Cruising Class

The cruising class is open to cruising class sailboats of any length. Boats must have "Live Aboard" accommodations in working order essentially as originally manufactured. Valid LPHRF ratings are required and must be applied for separately. Ratings will remain the same for Series and Special Races. All boats must be properly registered to race with PHYC or SYC as well as with the Cruising Class.

The Cruising Class requires at least 5 days notice to properly register to change classes. There is a registration fee of \$15 for Cruising Class in addition to any rating fees or racing fees for PHYC or SYC if paid by March 15. A fee of \$10 may be assessed in addition to the registration fee if paid after March 15. All fees must be paid and registrations must be completed before any races will be scored. Retroactive scoring will not be allowed. Any changes of classes must be submitted and approved 5 days prior to the start of the race. Consideration may be given to maintain like boats in the same class if their ratings overlap classes.

Spring and Fall Series

For the Spring and Fall Series, the Cruising Class will have asymmetrical and Main & Jib classes.

A typical split might be as follows:

Cruising 1A	Ratings Below 132
Cruising 1B	Ratings 138 - 156
Cruising 1C	All Asymmetrical boats regardless of rating
Cruising 2A	Ratings 162 -177
Cruising 2B	Ratings 171 - 198
Cruising 2C	Ratings 201 and Higher

The Spring and Fall Series will be made up of up to six races each. If a race is canceled, there will be no make-up race per the PHYC/SYC race program. A complete Series will be the best 4 of 5 or 6; 3 of 3 or 4; best 2 of 2; or best 1 of 1; depending on the number of races. If a boat races all races, the best X of Y finishes will be used to compute standings. Overall standings for the series will be determined by placement in Spring and Fall. Flags will be given for the top three finishes in Spring, Fall, and Overall.

Class Flags will be:	<u>Flag Pennant</u>
Cruising 1A	5
Cruising 1B	5 + Navy Blue Streamer
Cruising 1C	White Field
Cruising 2A	Yellow Field
Cruising 2B	Code Flag J
Cruising 2C	4

Special Series

For the Special Series, the Cruising Class will have symmetrical, asymmetrical, and Main & Jib classes. Symmetrical Spinnaker Class will be allowed any PHRF legal spinnaker with poles. Asymmetrical Spinnaker Class will be limited to Asymmetrical Spinnakers without poles. Class splits will be based upon ratings, and may be adjusted according to the number boats registered by the Cruising Class Committee. Class splits will be determined by the number of boats registered and their assigned ratings.

A typical split might be as follows:

Cruising 1A	Symmetrical Spinnaker boats rating 147 & lower
Cruising 1B	Symmetrical Spinnaker boats rating 150 & higher
Cruising 1C	Asymmetrical boats rating 150 & lower
Cruising 2A	Main & Jib Ratings 177 & lower
Cruising 2B	Main & Jib Ratings 177 & higher
Cruising 2C	Asymmetrical boats rating 153 & higher

The Special Series will be made up of five races. The best 3 of 5 are counted as a complete series. If a boat races all five races, the best three finishes will be used to compute standings. If a race is postponed, a make-up race will be scheduled per the PHYC/SYC race program. Abandoned races will not be made up, nor will they be counted in the standings. Flags will be given for the top three finishes in each Special Race and Overall Special Series.

Class Flags will be:	<u>Flag Pennant</u>
Cruising 1A	5
Cruising 1B	Code Flag J
Cruising 1C	White Field + Navy Blue Streamer
Cruising 2A	Yellow Field
Cruising 2B	4
Cruising 2C	White Field

Scoring

RRS Rule 89.3 will apply, using Appendix A, Low Point System. However, A7 (Race Ties) and A8 (Series Ties) will not be used. This system will produce more ties. It is the intent of the Cruising Class to provide as many award flags as ties exist through the first three places. If there are only three boats qualified by racing, then three flags will be awarded. Where this policy differs from the PHYC/SYC, the Cruising Class will pay for the flags.

Boats that perform as the RC boat and do not race when they normally would, will receive credit for a second place finish for that race in the standings for Overall Awards. There will be two second-place finishers for races that have a Cruising Class boat as RC boat (Once per year limit). Individual Race Award flags for Special Races will NOT be given for RC duty.

Class Captains

There will be an overall Cruising Fleet Captain and one Class Captain for each class. Class Captains will be responsible for providing a Race Committee Boat for their Class, as well as tracking and reporting series results for their class to the Cruising Fleet Captain. They are also expected to help organize and serve for the class parties.

Cruising Class Committee

The Cruising Class Committee will consist of the Cruising Fleet Captain and the individual Class Captains. The Committee will assign the ratings for the boats in cruising class and make the class splits.

Protests

Protests of a yacht of specific Cruising Class rules may be filed with any of the Cruising Fleet or Class Captains. The Cruising Fleet Captain will notify the Race Committee and the protested boat captain that a protest has been filed per the PHYC/SYC race program. (Ref. RRS 78.3)

Sails & Equipment

1. All sails must be PHRF legal. If a sail is not PHRF legal, it may be used if declared prior to use and is acceptable by 2/3 of the class.
2. Staysails are not allowed except on Cutter Rigs where the rating was assigned as a Cutter Rig.
3. Jibs & Genoa's must be attached to the forestay.
4. Asymmetrical Spinnakers used in Asymmetrical Class must be used without a spinnaker or whisker pole. They should be tacked on the centerline within 12" of the jib tack.
5. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be no longer than the "J" measurement and marked accordingly.
6. Any Spinnakers, including Asymmetricals, may be flown with a spinnaker pole in symmetrical classes.
7. Information on any changes from the previous year to a boat or equipment that could have an effect on its rating must be provided on the boat's registration form. If the boat is newly registered, any changes from original manufacture to the boat or equipment that could have an effect on its rating should be provided on the registration form.