



2024 Wednesday Evening Series

Question for Officials

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Question For: Race Committee

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1. To confirm, the J/22s are not eligible for the Degnan Trophy, but the J/22 Wednesday Evening Series shall still be scored using the Degnan Scoring System in Appendix A? (Or will the series be scored twice in two ways - the way described in the first half of 16. Scoring for the "Wednesday Evening Series," which is what Clubspot currently shows, and then the Degnan Scoring System separately for the "J/22 Series Championship"?)

2. The Degnan Scoring System says that in all races points will be awarded based on a boat's finish position and the number of finishers in the race. Specifically, it does not mention that any of a boat's scores shall be excluded. This is in conflict with 16.5. Can you please confirm that no scores shall be excluded in the calculation?

3. The Degnan Scoring System B2 says that each boat finishing a race will be awarded 2 participation points regardless of finishing position. Below the points table, it says that the points on the matrix already include the 2 participation points. However, the points for 6th and 7th are ≤ 2 , so they can't include participation points unless the scores without the participation points would be 0 and -1. So are the participation points actually already in there? (If they are considered "already included," then you'd only get 1 point for scoring 7th in a 13 boat race vs. 0 if you didn't even show up... is this the intent?)

Personally, I would request that if the J/22s are not eligible for the Degnan Trophy, that they are scored "normally" (cumulative scores excluding two lowest) as I don't see why we would use a scoring system for a trophy we are not eligible for. However, I understand that the Degnan Scoring System has been named in the SIs so I'm just trying to understand how it actually works.

The scores are quite different depending on each of the different ways that one could conceivably interpret the Degnan Scoring System as written in the Appendix. So understanding the true scoring method will certainly impact risk appetites in racing on Wednesday. Is there anywhere we can see the standings using the proper applicable method before Wednesday?

Answer:

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