



To B or not to B? The A/B Split

In 2007, Harbor 20 Fleet 1 introduced a rules-based system for assigning skippers to the A and B fleets. Modeled after the very successful rules governing the large Lido 14 Fleet, the system is intended to assign skippers to either the A or B Fleets based on abilities demonstrated on the race course. This makes for better competition for all, and provides incentives for sailors in both fleets to improve their games.

Specific races/regattas are designated as “High Point” events. These events are scored for determination of the High Point winners in each fleet, and for the purposes of promoting or demoting skippers between the two fleets. Skippers who have won the A Fleet Championship in the past are designated as “perpetual” members, for which the rules for promotion or demotion between fleets do not apply. The rule established to advance from B to A is that a skipper would have to win two one-day, or one two day, High Point events over the course of a sailing season. The sailing season begins immediately after the Fleet 1 Championship, and ends with the Fleet 1 Championship. Rules also exist for qualifying non-perpetual skippers to continue sailing in the A Fleet.

Scoring of the High Point Series is done according to the High Point Percentage Scoring System as described by US Sailing.

High Point races are designated on the Fleet 1 Calendar maintained on the website at www.harbor20.org. One day events are shown colored yellow, and two day events are shown colored green.

The rules governing the A/B Fleet split are included in the appendix of the “Harbor 20 Fleet 1 Bylaws, Rules and Specifications”.

The list of A fleet skippers, as well as the list of those who have partially qualified is also maintained on the website. Click on “A Fleet” under the “Fleet 1” menu on the left.