

Lake Granby Yacht Club (LGYC) Handicaps

In April of 1994, the LGYC Handicap Committee laid out a scheme they felt would encourage new and old members to enjoy racing during the summer. The following outline lays out the current process for assigning and adjusting the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicaps:

Typically, in the PHRF World, the base rating of a yacht is based on that yacht running with a full suite of sails. This includes a max rated genoa, multiple smaller genoas; 1,2,3, a jib and at least one spinnaker, usually 3; std, spare & light air. In the adjustments section, there are rating adjustments that allow for racing without a spinnaker and no genoa. These adjustments are added to the base rating. The standard local no spinnaker adjustment is +12 sec. The std adjustment for no genoa greater than 130% is +6 secs.

As adopted by the LGYC, the handicaps for each boat racing with the LGYC will be determined using the PHRF Handicaps Book for 1994 as published by the United States Sailing Association. This Handicaps Book contains most every boat and boat configuration (Class). The handicaps are further broken down by locations/areas throughout the US. The location that applies to our club is the Inter-Mountain Lakes (SAIL- COLORADO). Note that the PHRF base handicaps for the various classes/boats are based on physical characteristics of a boat such as, tall mast, swing keel, wing keel, inboard motor, etc.

1. The base LGYC handicap for an individual boat/class is assigned as follows:
 - a. If a handicap for the specified boat/class is listed in the Handicap Book, that handicap will be used.
 - b. If there is not a listing for that boat under SAIL- COLORADO, then the handicap will be determined by averaging all the handicaps for that specific boat/class after throwing out the high and low values.
 - c. If an individual felt their handicap was incorrect, they could appeal to Sail Colorado and get a measurement certificate with the new handicap. In that event LGYC would accept the new handicap.
2. The PHRF handicap for each boat/class normally assumes a spinnaker and a #1 (150%) headsail. LGYC has implemented the following rules to adjust the handicap if the boat is raced without a spinnaker or a different headsail:
 - a. If a boat is sailed without a spinnaker, 12 points will be added to the base handicap. LGYC automatically assumes that no spinnaker will be run. If a spinnaker is to be used, the Race Committee MUST be informed prior to the start of any race.
 - b. If a boat is to be sailed with a headsail smaller than the assumed #1 (greater than 130%) the Race Committee MUST be informed prior to the start of any race. If so advised, the handicap will be adjusted as follows:
 - i. Sailed with a #2 (between 100% and up to 130%) headsail, 3 points will be added to the base handicap.
 - ii. Sailed with a #3 (100% or less) headsail, 6 points will be added to the base handicap.