



Harris Spring Regatta

Scoring Inquiry

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Competitor: PH A - Performance - 61658 - Cheeky - Greg Rutter

Scoring Inquiry:

General question:

If boats are tied for points at the end of the regatta, how is the tie-breaker determined? I've always understood it was the higher score in the last race. Thank you!

Response:

We are using Appendix A for scoring. A8 concerns Series Ties:

A8 SERIES TIES

A8.1 If there is a series-score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

A8.2 If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

The "higher score in the last race" is A8.2, but first you have to enact A8.1, and if by using A8.1 you break the tie, you do not have to use A8.2. In A8.1, the tie between Cheeky and JBoss (I assume that's the tie you were concerned about) is broken with A8.1 b/c JBoss's best score was a 2nd place, and Cheeky's best score was a 4th place.

You can think of this as breaking the tie by asking: "who has the most firsts?" if equal, then "who has the most seconds?", and so on down the line. Cheeky and JBoss had the same number of firsts (zero), and JBoss had one more 2nd place than Cheeky. Only if the boats are equal all the way through all awarded places, do we then go to A8.2 and make the determination based on the last race. For example, if Cheeky's scores in the 3 races were 3, 2, 1 and JBoss's scores in the 3 races were 1, 2, 3 - you'd tie with 6 points each and you'd be equal on the number of firsts, seconds, and thirds (A8.1), and Cheeky would win the tie breaker b/c they won the last race (A8.2).

The scoring program we use has this logic baked in, and I assume most commercially available programs do.