

Sail numbers, registration, measurement, certificates and more.

If you think any sort of racing will spoil a good sail please stop reading now before your eyes glaze over and you think you have entered another universe.

But, if you do race in any way, if you have a new boat or you are considering alterations to your boat this is an outline of the current process the Association operates. This information is in the handbook.

Sail numbers.

The Association issues all numbers. Where a boat is produced from the Association moulds the number will be issued when the Royalty fee (currently £170.00) is paid to the Association. For any other boat the number is issued on payment of a £20 fee.

Racing certificate.

A Racing Certificate will be issued on receipt of a satisfactorily completed Measurement Form and Declaration. The Declaration on Change of Ownership form is used where a boat with a current certificate changes hands.

Measurement

The rules allow for some variation in a number of areas. The measurement form is used to record the detail and check that each boat is built and fitted out according to the rules. The Dayboat is not a strict One Design and variations in construction and detail are permitted but each type and variation must conform to the relevant sections of the rules.

With any new Dayboat the owner has to provide a measurement form, completed by a measurer, to show the boat complies with the rules set out in the measurement form before a measurement certificate will be issued. The certificate will be endorsed with any correctors, floorboards or side benches included in the weight.

However, where a boat is produced from the Association moulds a full hull measurement is not required. (One in five will be measured to ensure the moulds and the builder is producing accurate boats). In these cases the measurer should complete all other sections of the measurement form.

Anyone intending to race, even in club handicap racing, should ensure their boat complies with the class rules. This includes such items as oars, rowlocks, anchor and warps which have to be carried. The PY (1200) is based on boats, which comply with all of the rules.

All new sails should be measured, signed and dated by a measurer. This is best done before they are used, especially if they need to go back to the maker, (which has been known).

Measurement can be undertaken by a club measurer, an RYA measurer or we have our own Dayboat Association measurer, Martin Sheppard. Martin's number is 01202 632464.

Thinking of buying a secondhand YW Dayboat?

You can establish whether your prospective boat has been measured and a certificate issued, even if it no longer has a current certificate, by contacting the Hon Sec. It may look like a YW Dayboat and have DB on the sail but this is no guarantee that it does, or ever did comply with all the class rules. If you are in doubt, please check with the association.