

PORTMOUTH YARDSTICK SCHEME 2009

The RYA operate the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme to help Clubs organise fair racing between yachts of different classes by using Portsmouth Numbers as a yardstick of a yachts performance. There are various classes of Portsmouth Numbers; the RYA publishes (in booklet YR2) Primary Yardsticks (PY), Secondary Yardsticks (SY) and Recorded Numbers (RN), clubs may allocate Club Numbers (CN) or Trial Numbers (TN) and adjust them to suite local conditions.

There was a dramatic change to the numbers in YR2 for 1996. For the classes we sail they have been increased by a factor of around 9.5; the objective was to allow a greater precision especially for the faster classes.

Club Numbers will be allocated to all classes of dinghies sailing at Aquarius Sailing Club. To avoid changing the Personal Handicap Numbers and computer programmes the Club Numbers will normally be the RYA published Portsmouth Numbers divided by 10 (generally 6 less than the 95 PYS). Allowances are made for factors such as two handed boats being sailed without a crew (generally 2 less); they will be adjusted if thought necessary. Club Numbers will be used as the Yardstick value to be applied to dinghies raced by Aquarius members in races organised by Aquarius.

The AQSC Club Number for the Signet has been increased by three for 2009 to match the RYA Number; the Personal handicap of all those sailing SigneTs has been reduced by three so there is no change to the handicap used to evaluate PH results (Charles Dennis suggested the change).

CLASS	RYA PORTSMOUTH .		AQSC CLUB NUMBER	
	NUMBER 1995	NUMBER 2007	WITH CREW	NO CREW
420	115	1087	109	107
Bosun	126	1198	120	118
British Moth	125	1173	117	117
Byte	122	1162	116	116
Comet	124	1173	117	117
Enterprise	118	1116	112	110
Fleetwind	134	1268	126	124
GP14	119	1127	113	111
Graduate		1167	117	115
Gull (Not in 2007)	144	1363	136	136
Laser	114	1078	108	108
Laser Radial		1101	111	111
Laser Rooster 8.1		1051	105	105
Leisure 17		1285	128	128
Mini Sail			126	126
Mini Sprint				
Miracle	124	1178	117	115
Moth				
Merlin-Rocket		1019	102	100
Mirror	146	1386	138	136
Mirror SH full rig		1365		
National 12 old			116	114
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Pacer (Not in 2007)		1193	120	118
Phantom	111	1047	105	105
Pico SH single sail		1260	128	126
Pico two sails		1264	131	129
Signet (Not in 2007)	134	1265	126	124
Skipper 14 Bermuda			132	130
Skipper 12 Gunter			148	146
Skipper 14 Gunter			138	136
Solo	122	1155	116	116
Streaker		1162	116	116
Tasar	108	1023	102	100
Topper	136	1290	129	129
Wayfarer	116	1099	110	108