

OPTI SCORING THE “USODA WAY”:

Scoring for the combined Red/White/Blue fleets is easy for race officers. But when some widely used computer programs calculate the winners of the Red/White/Blue fleets, sometimes the programs do so in a manner not in accordance with the rules USODA uses for sanctioned regattas.

The USODA regatta manual (if you're really interested, here's the link – Section 8.3: http://www.iod95.com/info/faq/regatta_forms/SEC%20USODA%20Regatta%20Manual%202003.pdf) specifies that Red/White/Blue fleets be scored via “Overall Scoring”. Computer programs sometimes separate the fleets and score them individually rather than by using each overall race result.

Here's an example: Suppose Blue Fleeter A is the top Blue Fleeter in a regatta – only beaten by a few Red Fleeters. Assume Blue Fleeter A has 23 points, and the next Blue Fleeter has 24 points. Blue Fleeter A wins, right? The answer is yes, according to the “Overall Scoring” method per USODA. However, some computer programs...when breaking out the fleets, separate and only compare the results of Blue Fleeters vs. Blue Fleeters, and so the result for racers A and B for exact same regatta based on the software configuration could be that Blue Fleeter A has 9 points, but Blue Fleeter B has only 8 points, making Blue Fleeter B the winner. But that's not the “Overall Scoring” method in the USODA manual.

Sound complicated? Apparently it isn't that difficult. First, the Jr. Division Committee would like to see uniformity in scoring, and recommends the Overall Scoring method per USODA guidelines. And, we are very fortunate that two experienced race officers and CBYRA members, Barbara Beigel-Vosbury and Chip Thayer, have both offered to help any clubs who are trying to figure out how to make their software work the USODA way! Just email Barbara or Chip at: bvosbury@msn.com or cthayer@annapolisyc.org. See below for detailed instructions for those of you using JavaScore.

Or, to discuss this further please email juniors@cbyra.org. (Thanks Barbara and Chip for volunteering to help other race officers figure this out and use their software per the USODA method.)

Opti Red/White/Blue Scoring with JavaScore, by Chip Thayer and Barbara Beigel Vosbury

1. When manually setting up the entries for Opti R/W/B the ONLY class is Opti Overall.
2. Make subdivisions for Red/White/Blue. On the page where you have made the subdivisions DO NOT check the any of the boxes. This is where everyone gets confused.
3. Enter the competitors, being sure to check which subdivision. JavaScore does the rest.

OR

4. When importing entries from your registration program, skip the column that has Optimist as their class and use the R/B/W column as their class (Division in JavaScore speak). So long as you've agreed when asked to put all entries in Optimist since there is only one class, the import will automatically enter them with the correct sub-division box checked off.
5. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure the RC records the competitors in the order that they finish without regard to subdivision color.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Chip at CThayer@annapolisyc.org or Barbara at bvosbury@msn.com