

Half Ton Class Europe

Guidelines for HTCC host clubs

Course length

Course lengths at a HTCC are determined by the Race Officer only, in light of the wind conditions expected. We distinguish 3 types of courses:

- windward/leeward course with a target duration of 1 hour (+/- 15')
- round the cans course with a target duration of 1 hour (+/- 15')
- offshore course : with a minimal theoretical length of 30 NM, weather permitting

Race Time limits

For all races the time limit races are to be set as from the arrival time of the 1st Vintage Half Tonner.

Race scoring

Scoring coefficients for the courses are as follows:

- windward/leeward course : scoring coefficient is 1
- round the cans course : scoring coefficient is 1
- offshore course: scoring coefficient is 1.5

Rankings & trophies

Following separate rankings are to be observed by HTCC organizers:

- Overall IRC – the Half Ton Classics Cup
- Overall Vintage – the Vintage Cup
- Overall Series/Production boats – the Production Boat Cup
- Female team (= teams with at least 50% +1 female sailors on board throughout the HTCC)
 - the Women's Cup
- Corinthian team in the final Overall IRC ranking

Half Ton True Spirit Trophy

The Half Ton True Spirit Trophy is the most important prize that can be ‘won’ during a HTCC.

It shall be awarded to a team or person that throughout the event has outstandingly represented the Class’ famous & undefinable spirit. It does not require sailing skills nor an IRC-rating.

At least 30 days before the start of the event HTCC organizers are required to submit to the HTCE board the criteria that they will use to award this Trophy. The board must approve within 7 days or propose an alternative.

As this is a Class award, it can only be officially handed over by a HTCE board member present during the event. If there's no board member present then the organizing YC's president or commodore is a suitable replacement.

D. Communication between organizers – race committee – participants at a HTCC

D.1 Official language at a HTCC-event is English.

D.2 Organizers are required to create a WhatsApp group for participants latest 15 days before the start of the event. This group will be used solely to communicate event and racing related messages. Admission to this group can f.i. be done via a QR-code which could be printed on the sailing instructions.

Can post in this group:

- Race officers

-> to communicate and confirm every message displayed on the communication board. (Can be pictures);

-> to confirm every VHF communication made to competitors (if possible).

- one member of the Organizing Team

-> to post strictly event-related news on that group, but only prior to the start of the first race of the day and after the last race of the day.

D.3 The Notice of Race must be published latest 5 months prior to the planned 1st day of racing.

D.4 The Sailing Instructions must be published latest 15 days prior to the planned 1st day of racing.