

APPENDIX E

CRUISING CLASS

1.0 PURPOSE

As WFPHRF has grown to accommodate more modern and competitive cruising boats, yacht clubs and race organizers have attempted to provide a venue for production cruising boats to compete with similar boats at less expense. The “spirit of Cruising” shall prevail. The class is not intended for racer/cruisers seeking a less competitive class. The True Cruising or Pocket Cruising designation applies to the sailing characteristics of the boat. It in no way implies less knowledge or experience on the part of the skipper. The purpose of this Appendix is to provide uniform guidelines for host yacht clubs and race organizers who wish to hold such events.

2.0 GENERAL POLICIES

- a. Owners seeking a Cruising Rating Certificate must submit a completed Cruising Checklist in addition to their application for rating.
- b. All rating credits and allowances will be noted on the Cruising Rating Certificate. Removal of bulk or equipment that was used in determining these allowances will invalidate that certificate.
- c. Free-flying headsails are not permitted in the Cruising class except in category 1, 2, and 3 races when specified in the NOR (notice of race). When permitted, cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck. Use of dousing sock and tackers is optional. Use of a cruising spinnaker must be declared according to the instructions in the NOR and will result in a change of rating.
- d. Headsail systems must be of cruising design, with hanked-on or roller furling headsails. Foils, except when part of an operable furling system, are not permitted.
- e. Staysails are permitted on designated cutter rigs. Fore staysails and mizzen staysails are permitted on ketches and yawls.
- f. Autopilots and wind vane steering may be used during Category 1, 2 and 3 races. They cannot be used in Category 4 and 5 races. When used, proper watches shall be maintained and failure to do so is a violation of Class Rules.
- f. Boats must have a “full cruising interior” as designed and manufactured. This shall include at a minimum:
 - i bunks for sleeping
 - ii a permanently installed icebox (or refrigerator)
 - iii. functional galley with stove
 - iv. water and fuel tanks of appropriate capacity for cruising at least ¼ full
 - v. internal electrical system with lights and VHF radio.
 - vi. a legal and properly installed marine head
- g. Canvas for cruising can be installed such as a bimini type top or comparable sunshade. A credit of 3 seconds is granted for such cruising canvas. No credits are given for folded, retracted or partially deployed sunshades. Owners electing this credit must race with it fully deployed.
- h. At least one anchor, with chain and rode (all of a size and weight appropriate for the boat) shall be stowed on the bow in such a way that it is available for immediate use. (See specifications on the application page of the WFPHRF web site.)

- i. An outboard motor for a dinghy shall remain in place on the transom mount while racing when credit for it is included on the rating certificate. An outboard powered cruiser may raise the motor but must leave it in the powering location.
- j. The use of electric and/or hydraulic winches is allowed.

3.0 SAIL MATERIAL CREDITS AND PENALTIES.

New Dacron sails are considered as the base of Cruising yachts. Rating adjustments are considered individually for each sail that does not meet this criterion. Penalties and credits are assessed as follows:

- a. laminate = -6
- b. laminate with one surface of woven material = -3
- c. dacron new to 2 years old = 0
- d. dacron 3 years and older = + 3

4.0 EXCESSIVE BULK ALLOWANCE

Cruising boats will receive a Rating Adjustment of up to 15 sec/N.M. for equipment normally found on cruising boats. This would include but is not limited to multiple large anchors and full chain ground tackle, dinghy on davits, full time live aboard or equipment for extended cruising.

5.0 BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES

Boats with Cruising Rating Certificates may not enter BOTY events in other classes unless the event does not provide a Cruising division. In such circumstances the results will be re-scored by WFPHRF for inclusion in the Cruising BOTY results.