

XII. RECREATIONAL CREDITS

Recreational Credits provide a means for cruising boats that compete only in the non-spinnaker class by giving credit for options that are not performance enhancing. The purpose of these credits is to encourage and widen the scope of boats that participate in ECSA events. Recreational Credits are for boats in class AB and class C equipped for cruising. Implementation of these credits in no way implies less knowledge or experience on the part of the skipper.

Recreational Headsail Credit: A cruising canvas boat with an add-on above deck roller furling system (RFR) and limited to one woven Dacron (or similar) sail, a minimum of a 4oz woven UV cover on leech and foot will receive (+ 3) for Roller Furler and (+6) for the sail, combined (+9) adjustment. Similarly, a boat that comes stock with an above deck roller furler will receive (+6) for the sail. Headsail Adjustments for LP/J percentages remain in effect and are additive. There shall be no penalty for use of a Storm Jib or Heavy-Weather Jib, and/or when use precludes Drum & Swivel attachment. In order to receive this credit, the following stipulations apply:

- The cruising headsail is the only headsail greater than 110% used while racing.
- The cruising headsail is stored on the head stay when not racing.
- The cruising headsail is regularly used as the primary genoa/headsail when the boat is day sailing or cruising.

Recreational Mainsail Credit: If not included in the standard base-boat rating, an **In-mast** RFR Mainsail will receive (+12) rating adjustment and an **In-boom** RFR Mainsail will receive (+6). Sails

will be constructed of woven Dacron or other polyester fibers.

XIII. DOUBLEHAND NON-SPINNAKER CREDITS

A DOUBLEHANDED NON-SPINNAKER division (DH non-Spin) has been added to the ECSA Offshore Circuit. Any boat registered in ECSA may compete in DH non-Spin races, but in order to compete for ECSA Offshore points in the DH non-Spin division, a boat must elect to compete in this division at the start of the season.

DOUBLEHANDED NON-SPINNAKER Ratings for ECSA compensate for limited sail handling capabilities and reduced crew weight on the rail. As such, there is no rating adjustment for Cat-rigged boats. Ratings for all other boats will be adjusted based on Displacement to Length averages in each division as noted below:

• Cat-rigged boats	0
• AB Class	+6 sec/mi.
• C Class	+ 9 sec/mi.
• HP Class	+ 12 sec/mi.
• SB Class	+ 18 sec/mi.

Guidelines and Restrictions for DH Ratings:

1. All boats that join ECSA will receive DH non-Spinnaker Ratings
2. Boats choosing to race DH shall be crewed by no more than 2 persons and shall race in a separate class, competing against other DH rated boats.
3. Use of Auto Pilots is permitted for boats racing in a DH class.
4. Double-handed boats racing in a mixed class shall use their standard PHRF rating.