

**Double-Handed Class Addition to DRYA Regattas
2026 Racing Season
Double-Handed Handicapped Class (DHHC)**

1. Purpose and Objectives

1.1 The purpose of this class is to promote competitive, fair, and accessible double-handed sailboat racing within mixed-fleet regattas.

1.2 The class is intended for two-person crews competing in point-to-point and/or windward-leeward courses, scored using established MWPHRF handicapping systems.

1.3 The class shall emphasize:

- Seamanship and endurance
- Tactical and strategic racing
- Safety and self-sufficiency
- Inclusive participation across a wide range of boat types

2. Class Definition

2.1 The class shall be known as the Double-Handed Handicap Class (DHHC).

2.2 Boats shall compete as a single scored class, regardless of hull type or sail configuration, subject to rating compliance.

2.3 The class shall be recognized and scored separately from fully crewed classes.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Eligible boats

- All boats registered for the DRYA 2026 Counter Series
- Invited boats
- Multihulls are not eligible.
- Boats must comply with all applicable safety and equipment requirements of the event.

3.2 Crew Requirements

- Each boat shall carry exactly two (2) crew members at all times while racing.
- Both crew members must be on board at all times.

3.3 Rating Eligibility

- Each boat must hold a current, valid rating in MWPHRF.
- The rating certificate must be valid for the regatta year.

4. Scoring

4.1 Scoring Method

- All boats in the class shall be scored together using corrected time.
- Scoring shall use Time-on-Time (TOT), as specified in the DRYA NOR.

4.2 Series Scoring

- For boats registered in another class, there will be no series scoring for the DHHC class. Counter Series boats competing in DHHC for a race may count only one race in DHHC towards their overall participation for the purpose of meeting the minimum number of regattas for season qualification. The results of their DHHC race will not count toward their overall Counter Series score. If the boat registers for the season then they will qualify for season awards.
- For boats that register to this class for the season, there will be a season award for qualifying boats.

5. Sail and Equipment Rules

5.1 Sail Configuration

- Boats may use sails allowed by their rating certificate.
- Boats rated as non-spinnaker shall not use spinnakers.
- Headsails and spinnakers may be furled or stowed but must comply with rating declarations.

5.2 Sail Handling

- All sail handling must be performed solely by the two crew members.
- The use of autopilots for steering is allowed.
- No outside assistance is permitted except as allowed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

5.3 Propulsion

- Engines may be used only for safety or emergency purposes and in accordance with the RRS.

6. Course Types

6.1 The class may compete on:

- Point-to-point courses
- Windward-leeward courses

6.2 The OA shall specify course types and distances in the SNOR or SSI.

7. Safety Requirements

7.1 All boats shall comply with the safety requirements specified in the DRYA NOR.

7.2 Each crew is responsible for ensuring their boat is seaworthy and properly equipped.

7.3 Each crew member shall wear a life jacket while racing.

8. Class Registration

8.1 A boat may register for the DHHC class at the beginning of the season and race in all races in that class.

8.2 All 2026 DRYA 2026 Counter Series registered boats assigned to another class may enter the DHHC class on the day of the regatta by calling into the RC boat via VHF Channel 72 at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the race. If possible, DRYA Registered boats should register for a regatta by email to TheDRYA@gmail.com by 5 pm on the day before the regatta.

9. Awards

9.1 For boats that register to this class for the season, there will be a season award for the top three boats for the Counter Series.

10. Class Flag

10.1 The Class Flag will be International Signal Flag "D".



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