

US Sailing Big Boat New and Change of Ownership Measurement Policy

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1. OVERVIEW

US Sailing's Offshore Office believes in continuing to ensure accurate data collection and use through boat measurement and owner declaration when executing VPP handicap ratings. This policy will assist in confirming boat measurement data is accurate and up to date.

2. PURPOSE

The Big Boat New and Change of Ownership Measurement Policy has been established to allow measurement data verification at the time of owner transfer and when a boat initially comes into the rating system. Continuing the efforts of ensuring input data for VPP handicaps is accurate and up to date.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of the new owner of a boat to contact the US Sailing Offshore Office and notify them of the change of ownership.

It shall be the responsibility of the US Sailing Offshore Office team to:

- Review the current data on file at US Sailing for the boat.
- Determine whether any new measurement data needs to be collected or verified.
- Communicate with the new owner to outline necessary measurement updates or checks.

4. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Policy:

At the time of owner transfer of a big boat sailboat and a new boat coming into the rating system, US Sailing's Offshore Office reserves the right to require a remeasurement of any component of the boat or request a measurement verification. This includes, but is not limited to freeboard measurements, inclination measurements, rig measurements, propeller measurements, sail measurements, appendages measurements, and offset file verification.

Procedures:

When a boat, that receives or plans to receive a rating handicap issued by the US Sailing Offshore Office, changes owners the following process should be followed:

- a. The new owner of the boat shall contact the US Sailing Offshore Office and notify them that there has been a change of ownership.

The notification can be made via email, ORC/ORR Certificate Application, Transfer of Ownership Form, etc.

- b. Once notified, the US Sailing Offshore Office will review all measurement data for the boat, and general data for the class/model of boat. They will discuss with the new owner their plans for racing and what handicap certificates are required.
- c. The US Sailing Offshore will determine the required scope of new measurements if any. These may include but are not limited to new measurements, or a new offset that are required for the boat.
- d. Upon decision of required measurements, or lack thereof, the Offshore Office will communicate these requirements to the owner and assist them in setting up measurement with a local US Sailing Recognized Measurer.