

**Can boats have alternative rigs?**

Normally each boat is of a particular type and configuration. But sometimes, particularly in dinghy classes, boats can have alternative rigs or configurations to suit different crew weights or wind strengths. For example, ILCAs can have ILCA 4, ILCA 6, or ILCA 7 rigs. The RS Aero can be Aero 5, 6, 7 or 9 with different size rigs.

Another example is cruiser IRC certificates give a standard rating and a rating when sailed without a spinnaker. If the sailing instructions permit, some boats may opt to sail without spinnakers, particularly if they are short of crew.

A boat can have a different handicap for each of configuration. So if an RS Aero sails in one race as an Aero 6 and, sailing instructions permitting, sails in another race as an Aero 7 the correct handicap will be applied in each case.

It is up to the race officer to specify the configuration being used when entering the finish time. There is a drop-down list of configurations on the page where results are entered. The default is always to leave the boat in its default configuration.

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