HalSail FAQ

How do I embargo public access to the results of a race?

Normally anybody can see results you put into HalSail as soon as you enter them, provided they have the correct public link. So if you have a link on your club website anybody who clicks it will see the results, even if you are still in the process of entering them. They might see that a particular boat has won a race, for instance, when in fact there are other boats with slower handicaps that you have not entered yet and that might win.

If this is a problem, you can embargo results until you are ready to release them. The available embargo periods are:

- No embargo (default case)
- Embargo until 5 minutes after you last entered a result for that race. So provided you do not leave more than 5 minutes between entering results, they will remain embargoed until 5 minutes after you enter the last one.
- Embargo until one hour after you last entered a result for that race.
- Embargo until midnight on the day of the race.
- Always embargoed. This is useful if you do not want the public ever to see results of a particular race, perhaps because you only want them to see tandem results derived from that race.

The embargo only applies to people viewing the results without logging in.

You set the embargo policy at the series level. So when you make a new series, or edit an existing series, you have the option to set the embargo policy.

Only the last race with results in a series can be embargoed. If you alter a result in a previous race it will not lead to an embargo. If the last race is embargoed, the public still have access to the results of earlier races in that series. Overall results of a series will not be shown if the last race is embargoed.

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