HalSail FAQ

What features have been added to HalSail recently?

HalSail is constantly updated to bring in more features and to keep it running smoothly. The latest innovations are:

- **Full compliance with Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 from World Sailing**.
- **Display all your latest results in a sequence on a big screen.** All races on the last day of racing shown for 20 seconds each in a continuous sequence. If there are overall results for each series these are shown too. Once the sequence is finished the display reverts to the start and repeats ad infinitum.
- **Set an embargo policy** for each series so that the public cannot see results immediately after they have been entered. This can be set to no embargo (the default), 5 minutes after the last result was input, 1 hour after the last result was input, midnight on the day the last result was input, or embargoed for ever so that they are invisible to the public.
- **Staggered starts** for races where boats start at intervals. Note, this is not the same as pursuit races where boats start at times adjusted according to their handicaps.
- **Series can be scored by helm**, rather than by boat. Useful if people change boats during a series.
- **Integration with SailEvent** for online entry and app-based tallying afloat and ashore.
- **High-points scoring** as an option for overall series results. Unlike the normal low-points scoring, the boat with the most points wins. Points are allocated as follows:
  - One point for competing (coming to the starting area)
  - One point for finishing,
  - One point for each boat beaten.
- **IRC ratings** imported automatically from RORC and applied automatically as the default handicap in IRC racing classes.
- **Upload results** to the RYA's Portsmouth Yardstick online database all in one go. Previously this could only be done one race at a time.
- **Integration with Irish Sailing Live** database of results for Irish clubs.

For a more detailed explanation of the evolution of HalSail see the detailed HalSail history.

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