

MWPHRF CRUISER CERTIFICATE 2026-Introduction.

Who is this certificate for?

Simple rigged boats, older designs and less emphasis on the latest technology. These are often older, less expensive boats used by beginning sailors or old Salts who want to experience sailboat racing without the cost of high technology modern boats and using smaller crews. This also includes newer boats with less complex cruising designs/crew requirements. It can also be an opportunity for Cruising sailors to improve their sailing skills.

This certificate is designed for boats close to their original manufactured configuration and do not plane. Cruiser boats are expected to race with cushions, tables, fuel, water and comfort features as *originally issued*. Upgrades such as furling or conversion to Asymmetrical spinnaker may be acceptable but subject to review by the Cruising Handicapper (Region 11).

The original configuration is called Base Handicap (BHCP).

CRUISER rules are posted on MWPHRF website.

CRUISER application process is posted on website.

The fee for 2026 is \$25 all season.

The ratings will be assigned by a CRUISER Handicapper and will not use the established MWPHRF supervision structure of review by Regional Handicappers, Tech committee and Council approval. The intent is to not increase the burden of the normal rating assignment process but remain under the MWPHRF umbrella

Desired Outcome

The Cruiser Certificate should provide organizing authorities (OA's) a consistent rating for cruising boats. **Boats racing with a Cruiser Certificate are not expected to compete directly with boats handicapped by MWPHRF's normal rating process**

The NOR for events must include reference to Cruiser Certificates if using the Cruising Certificate Rating.

If a boat wishes to race in both Cruising and MWPHRF at different events, they may apply for both certificates

An Organizing Authority can determine how they want to separate boats entering with a Cruiser Certificate, eg. Divided into NSP/SP STARTS.