

Appendix F: Novice Return Race Requirements - CRED

F1 Crew Role and Experience Declaration (CRED)

- F1.1. To enable a potentially adjusted handicap Novice Adjustment Factor (NAF) applied to the PHS handicap of a boat competing in a Novice Return Race (NRR) each yacht must supply the following Crew Role and Experience Declaration (CRED) to the Race Director, by SMS, or by email no later than 2359 on the Wednesday preceding the NRR. Any late changes to the CRED may be submitted to the Race Director in person, by SMS, or by email no later than 2000 on the Saturday preceding the NRR.
- F1.2. If a yacht does not supply a declaration, standard handicapping must apply, and the yacht will not be eligible for scoring in the corresponding NRR.

Yacht Name: _____

Skipper: _____

Return Race: Blairgowrie / Geelong

Role	Experience Level	Crew Name/s
Sailing Master	Exp / Nov	
Navigator	Exp / Nov	
Radio operator	Exp / Nov	
Helm	Exp / Nov	
Main trimmer	Exp / Nov	
Headsail trimmer	Exp / Nov	
Spinnaker trimmer	Exp / Nov	
Office/strings	Exp / Nov	
Mast	Exp / Nov	
Foredeck	Exp / Nov	

Circle the relevant experience level and/or cross out the irrelevant experience level.

Experience

Please use the following codes to describe the highest level of **experience** for any of the specified **crew members** in each of the specified roles. Where multiple crew members share a role, enter the higher/highest level of experience.

- **Nov: (Novice):** A crew member who, while possibly experienced in other roles, generally does not perform the role.
- **Exp: (Experienced):** A crew member who generally performs the role.

Role Descriptions

The following table describes the various roles on a yacht.

Role	Description
Skipper	The owner of the yacht who carries ultimate legal responsibility but, for this Race, takes no active leadership or specialist role. Note: The skipper can still do things under direction, such as hauling on a halyard.
Sailing Master	The racing tactician and manager of the crew on the yacht. Responsible for allocation of crew roles, management of crew rotation, tactics.
Navigator	Navigation in respect of race planning including both yacht safety and supporting deployment of Sailing Master's tactics.
Radio operator	Self-evident.
Helm	Self-evident. Note-1: Following a course from the Sailing Master/Navigator (no tactical decision-making). Note-2: May provide "boat performance" feedback to Navigator and trimmers? Note-3: May take occasional very short breaks.
Main trimmer	Self-evident.
Headsail trimmer	Self-evident.
Spinnaker trimmer	Self-evident.
Office/strings	Self-evident.
Mast person	Self-evident.
Foredeck	Self-evident.

Novice Adjustment Factor NAF

Based on the Crew Role and Experience Declaration **CRED**, the ORCV Race Director will determine a Novice Adjustment Factor **NAF** for each yacht which submits such a declaration.

The potentially adjusted PHS handicap factors will be posted on the ORCV website by **0700** on the morning of the relevant Novice Return Race.

- When applicable, Novice Adjustment Factors are expected to be in the range of 0% to 15%.

NAF Example

Consider a yacht with a standard PHS handicap factor of **1.000** for which the Sail Captain has determined a value for NAF of 10%. This gives an adjusted PHS handicap factor of **0.900**.

In a **5-hour elapsed time race**, the yacht's adjusted time will be **4 hours 30 minutes** compared with **5 hours** if the yacht was sailed by a fully experienced crew.