

WYC PHRF Annual Meeting

* Minutes *
April 9, 2019

Opening & Introductions:

Ray Boyd, PHRF Fleet Commodore, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. 28 members of the PHRF fleets were present. New PHRF members, Kevin and Anne Shinler, were introduced. Terry Foster, WYC Race Committee chairperson, was also present.

Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck reported that in 2018 there were 41 dues paying members, which was a decrease of four members from the previous year. PHRF is still the largest fleet at WYC.

Income was \$1,025 and expenses were \$1,756. Currently there is \$555 in the bank.

Fleet Rules Changes: Changes were proposed to fleet rules 3b and 8 as well as the addition of a new rule 9.

The change for rule 3b pertained to rating adjustments that had been given to boats whose nominal headsail size was smaller than 150%. The revised rule would no longer give a rating credit to those whose headsail by design is smaller than 150%. A motion to adopt the new rule was made, seconded, and after discussion was approved unanimously. The original rule and the new revised rule are included at the end of the minutes.

The change for rule 8 pertained to the process of appealing the PHRF rating that had been assigned to a boat. The revised rule described the new method of appealing a boat's rating. A motion to adopt the new rule was made, seconded, and after discussion was approved unanimously. The original rule and the new revised rule are included at the end of the minutes.

A new rule concerning changes to the existing rules was proposed as rule 9 for the PHRF fleets. This rule defines the procedure to change fleet rules and specifies the exact process needed to change those rules going forward. A motion to adopt the new rule was made and seconded. During the discussion, a motion to amend the second sentence changing the term "all members" to "a majority" was made, seconded, and after more discussion was approved unanimously. A motion to amend the third sentence adding the words "where each fleet boat can cast one vote" was made and seconded. After discussion the amendment was approved unanimously. The entire motion as amended twice was then discussed, voted on, and carried unanimously. The exact wording of the new rule as twice amended is included at the end of the minutes.

Election of Officers:

Nominations for PHRF Officers for 2019 were presented by Ray:

Commodore - Ray Boyd

PHRF I Fleet Captain - Clay Babcock

PHRF II Fleet Captain - Josh Garvin

Secretary / Treasurer - Chuck Ulmer

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to elect the entire slate of candidates as presented.

Volunteer Recognition:

A thank you was given to those who volunteered their time as officers during 2018. Other volunteers were acknowledged for their time and donations. Jolene Boyd was the social chair and Marty and Nancy Solhaug hosted the Winter social at Fulton Brewing. Dan Schertner maintains the PHRF section of the WYC website and also handles the ratings for all PHRF boats. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped out at the Annual Chili Feed.

2019 Course Changes: In order to accommodate the request for longer races on Thursday nights, the configuration of the T series races will be changing this year. The series will be similar to the M series races using 2 separate starting lines with shorter starting sequences, 2 separate courses, and 2 separate finish lines.

Announcements:

The Fleet Captains meeting will be on Monday, April 22nd from 6-8 PM.

Fred and Nancy Sommer will not be racing Stinger this year.

As more and more boats are getting ratings for both PHRF I and PHRF II, owners were reminded that they must register ahead of time for each series if they are not sailing in their default fleet.

The PHRF III fleet that was started last year with J/70 sailboats will continue to sail with the PHRF I fleet sharing the same courses and starting sequences.

Terry Foster reported that the Race Committee boats have been refurbished. New mark boat operators have been trained and there are now 19 race officers.

WYC will be hosting the J-22 North American Championships this year. The event will be held the third week of June. There will not be a Thursday race that week and the Sunday race on June 23rd will include boats from the Minnetonka Yacht Club joining our races.

The set of races started last year called Double Jump Sundays will be back again this season. On certain Sunday afternoons in the A series and the B series, there will be two races back to back. Double Jump Sundays will have their own results.

Terry reminded everyone of the upcoming spring seminars and the Saturday on-the-water training sessions. Members were encouraged to participate with their boats for the Saturday sessions.

Adjournment: Ray adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Proposed Fleet Rules Changes 2019:

(new language is in italics and highlighted, old language is stricken out)

3b. Jib adjustments:

Area of the sail is again the key. US Sailing again provides standard I and J measurements for each boat (I is deck datum to the top of mast, J is distance from jib tack to mast). When each member measures from clew to luff at a 90-degree angle to the luff, the area of the 2 “right triangles” (upper part of sail and lower part of sail) can be calculated. The sum of these areas is the area of the sail. As with the main, there are penalties/credits in 3-second increments for progressive envelopes of deviation from the standard sail plan area.

The WYC PHRF fleet jib adjustments are designed to give credit to a boat that is sailing with a smaller than rated headsail. This headsail size (assumed to be a 150%) is used to determine the US Sailing ratings the WYC PHRF fleet uses to determine our base ratings. If a boat class by its design or rule must fly a smaller headsail, that boat’s US Sailing rating will be assumed to factor class sail area in and will not be awarded headsail adjustment credit.

8. Rating appeals:

~~PHRF WYC Class Rules do not provide for any rating appeal to any body outside PHRF WYC. Any member may appeal any rating, either (a) by following the procedures set forth in the ISAF Rules; in this event, and for the purpose of ISAF Rule 64.3.b, and the Handicappers Committee of PHRF WYC is the “qualified authority”; or (b) by submitting the protest in writing directly to the PHRF Commodore who will convene the Handicappers Committee.~~ *Any member may appeal any rating by submitting the protest in writing directly to the PHRF Commodore who will convene the Handicappers Committee.* In either case, the Handicappers Committee is restricted to the procedures outlined above and not contravene those procedures in its review of a rating. *If after meeting with the Handicappers Committee the matter is still not resolved, the member may request a redress in accordance with WYC SI 16.1.*

9. Fleet Rules Changes:

The fleet rules committee shall consist of the fleet captains and the PHRF Commodore and is responsible for all proposed changes to the fleet rules. Any proposed changes must be agreed upon by ~~all members~~ *a majority* of the rules committee before being presented to the fleet for a final vote. The final decision of whether or not to adopt the proposed changes will be determined by a fleet vote at the annual fleet meeting, *where each fleet boat can cast one vote.*