

PHRF Meeting Minutes - February 2022

Members: Rick Sinclair (Chair), June Kendrick, Mike Colucci, Andrew Weiss, Alistair Duke.

Apologies: Paul Kueffner

Guests: Cynthia Parthemos

Meeting was called to order at 8.00pm, via Zoom

1. Chairman's welcome and call to order. President Parthemos joined to thank the committee for their work over the winter and encourage finalization of the 2022 PHRF Rule in the coming week. The Committee committed to expedite final review and publication.
2. The Committee took the opportunity to flag a small number of issues with the new website that need the developers attention. The President took an action to flag those items with the developer for resolution.
3. Follow up items from the January meeting were reviewed. As part of the findings of the appeal hearing, the Committee committed to reviewing other classes named in the appellant's analysis¹. The Hobie 33 was a clear stand-out in that analysis and the Committee agreed that it should be reviewed. The J/105 and J/92 classes were also outliers using the appellants technique, but the Committee noted that both the J/105 and J/92 had received rating adjustments between 2020 and 2021 as part of the Committee's effort to standardize the so named "distance rating offset" to 6 seconds for sprit boats. The Committee discussion concluded that the J/105 would be included in the review while the J/92 would not largely because the extent of the variance was significantly greater for the J/105 than it was for the J/92 and the Committee has limited capacity to review too many classes at once. Another class which the appellant's analysis yielded a significant variation was the Beneteau

¹ As part of the appeal submission, the relative rating spreads of a wide range of cruiser-racer sailboats in the 29-36 foot range were compiled from a large number of PHRF regional bodies. By sampling the relative differences between pairs of classes across a range of regions, the analysis revealed how the rating spread between those same pairs in YRALIS PHRF diverged from what was typical elsewhere. Inevitably, some elements of the analysis generated debate and divided opinion but the Committee agreed that the information was original and informative and took an action to review classes exhibiting the most significant variations as part of its response to the appeal.

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36.7. The Committee determined that this class would also be included in the review.

Therefore, representatives from each of the Hobie 33, J/105 and Beneteau 36.7 classes will be contacted and notified of their rating review, scheduled for the next meeting on March 10th 2022.

4. A rating challenge has been lodged against Unplugged and is scheduled for the April meeting, pending delivery to the Committee of a more comprehensive written argument by April 1st.
5. 2022 Rules. The latest draft of the 2022 PHRF Rules for YRALIS required some modified language around RRS 52 to be incorporated and proposed wording was agreed. All members committed to re-read the re-numbered Rule one more time to try to ensure no unintended impacts from the sections which have been restructured for 2022. Finally, Alistair Duke asked specifically for one more detailed read of the new Cruising Headsail adjustment proposal which is new for 2022. The Committee committed that the 2022 Rule will be published before the end of February.
6. The Committee discussed the need for instructional video's given the number of members with questions about basic measurements. Andrew Weiss took an action to request production of some sail measurement videos while Rick Sinclair offered and uncovered and indoor environment which may be available for some boat-measurement content.
7. The Committee also expressed a clear wish to get out and meet the membership in 2022. As soon as we get some warmer spring weather, when outdoor gatherings are more viable, members of the Committee intend to run a handful of meet-and-greet type events with willing member clubs where owners can learn more details about the Rule and the organization and people who administer it.
8. The Committee expressed a wish to resume in-person PHRF Committee meetings beginning in April, assuming continued improvement in the Covid-19 situation.
9. Next Meeting Scheduled for Thursday March 10th 8pm.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10.00pm.

Respectfully submitted

Alistair Duke