

Minutes 5/12/22  
YRALIS PHRF Committee  
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Rick Sinclair (Chair), Alistair Duke, Paul Kueffner, Mike Colucci, Andrew Weiss  
Absent: Charlie Hurd, June Kendrick  
Guests: Eric Bicknese (Beneteau First 7.5 Jolie Rouge), Greg Clark (Custom 40 Rival), Chris Schoen (XP44 Phantom)

### **Summit 35 Blue Fire**

Chair Sinclair opened the meeting at 20h02 with a review of the Summit 35 Blue Fire, referring to a note from owner Mark Parry. They frequently race against a Dehler 38 that rates 60, and seem unable to sail to their rating of 51. Other ratings for the Summit 35 seem to vary considerably. The boat's current rating of 51/51/51/51 seems inconsistent with other sprit-boat ratings. The Committee decided to change the base rating of the Summit 35 to 54 and then apply the sprit table to determine spinnaker offsets to make it more in line with other sprit-boat ratings.

### **Halberg Rassy 44**

This appears to be a heavy boat, possibly similar to the Swan 48 or Leadership 44. The sleek underbody would seem to indicate a fast hull, though the twin rudders might slow her down in light air. She is heavier than the Leadership 44 and not as deep-keeled. The Committee decided to issue an initial rating of 66/66/66/66 and then apply the sprit table for spinnaker offsets.

### **Southerly 38**

This is a centerboard boat also known as the Southerly 390, since it is actually 39' long. It seems quite heavy with a smallish sail area (SA/disp: 15.81) The Committee looked at ratings in other regions and decided to apply a provisional rating of 117/117/117/117 .

### **Precision 23**

This is a Jim Taylor design. Ratings in other regions range considerably. It seems similar to Catalina 25 and Capri 22, though the Precision is heavier than the Capri and lighter than the Catalina. The Committee determined an initial rating of 207/207/207/207 would account for the additional weight in the light air of Long Island Sound.

### **Beneteau First 7.5 Jolie Rouge**

Owner Eric Bicknese explained to the Committee that he hopes to use this boat for 'round the buoys racing on Thursday nights. A Melges 24 would likely be faster than this boat. The J/80,

rating 114/129 range, is somewhat bigger. The First 7.5 seems similar to a B. 25, which rates 141 without a sprit. The Committee determined to start the Beneteau First 7.5 at 126/126/120/120

### **X-Yachts X 412**

The Committee wanted to confirm that the three versions of this boat, Mark I, Mark II, and Mark III only differ in their interior arrangements and are all rated as the Standard X-Yachts X 412 since the hulls and rigs are all the same.

### **Hobie 33 review**

It was noted that no owners responded when asked for input regarding the Nye Olson 30 appeal earlier this year and that there were no replies to a request for Hobie 33 owners to attend this evening's meeting. Ratings across the USA and results from a variety of races indicate that a rating change is called for. The Committee decided to adjust the base rating for the Hobie 33 to 99/99/99/99.

### **Custom 40 Rival**

Owner Greg Clark explained how boats similar to Rival: Meridian, the old Christopher Dragon, are newer and more optimized than his boat. He would like a rating that would reflect this reality. The Committee heard the case and decided it would be appropriate in this case to use the Sprit Table to adjust for performance between non-spinnaker and spinnaker ratings. Removing the standard sprit offset and using the Sprit Table results in a new base rating for Rival of -33 non-spinnaker and moves the spinnaker rating to -42/-48.

### **XP44 Phantom**

Owner Chris Schoen attended to discuss his boat, which he has sailed for five years. He finds that on distance races competitors like Cougar, Jules, Peacemaker, and Desperado, to all of whom he owes time, seem pull away from him consistently. He states that it appears that he has lost before even starting. He stated his rating would therefore appear to be somehow wrong. Chris did mention that he seems to do fine when sailed under his W/L rating. The Committee determined to review his rating and those of his competitors to ensure the fairness of competition in the fleet. After reviewing his rating, it was determined that his boat had a distance offset in the base rating and that the sprit table was also applied adding an additional 6 second offset for distance racing. The committee decided to remove the 6 second offset in his base rating and keep the sprit table adjusted distance offset. It was also noted that Chris was sailing with a -6 penalty for carrying an LRH in his downwind inventory which is his choice when configuring his boat for racing. The committee reviewed the base rating of his boat and decided that it was appropriate. With that, the committee did take notice of the boats that

Chris referenced and decided that more discussion regarding those boats was indeed prudent. It was also noted that the different XP44 configurations should be reviewed and corrected to ensure that none of them have double distance rating offsets in their ratings.

Meeting adjourned at 23h11

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary,  
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