

Minutes YRALIS PHRF Meeting 04DEC25

Present: Alistair Duke (Chair), Jon Zaskorski, Rick Sinclair, Paul Kueffner,, Mike Colucci

Via Zoom

Chair Alistair Duke began the meeting at 20h230 by opening a discussion on possible new rules or changes in them for 2026.

Designs that once had genoas but which are now using smaller jibs with inhaulers are outperforming the original design and sail configuration. The Committee decided that boats with the inhauler configuration will need to declare it and be subject to a -3 adjustment in their ratings.

The Committee decided that boats using a cruising headsail configuration would be entitled to a +9 adjustment when requested.

New language in the spinnaker rules addresses both symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnakers and a new paragraph clarifies calculations for the different types of spinnakers.

The Committee discussed changes to the spinnaker measurement rules, focusing on asymmetrical spinnakers. It was agreed to specify that SMG(asymmetric spinnaker girth) should be used instead of SMW (symmetric spinnaker width) for asymmetric spinnakers. New rules for spinnakers flown on the centerline were discussed, focusing on the maximum luff length equation. This impacts measurements for different sprit lengths and perhaps calls for changes in the sprit table.

Inflation of spinnaker area beyond original sail plan sizes is an increasing problem - particularly in boats with sprits longer than the 1.32 X J breakpoint. It appears that boats that are rated by the Committee using the sprit table may be disadvantaged compared to others which come with a long sprit as standard equipment. The consensus of the Committee was that the sprit table should be used for all boats with sprits.

Boats who are making changes to factory-supplied sprits are an additional complication. The Committee agreed that these boats need to declare these changes and that the Sprit Table should be used in adjusting their rating.

The Committee also agreed that boats with retractable bowsprits that are not currently rated using the Sprit Table may continue with their current rating, but that all new designs with retractable sprits will have their base ratings adjusted using the Sprit Table.

Language regarding sprits and sail sizes has been simplified. If a factory-supplied sprit is modified the length and sail size adjustments will be determined consistent with other designs. Shorter sprits will not reduce a rating if the sail area is unchanged.

Boat classes that modify their rules to permit larger sails (e.g. square-top mains or increased spinnaker hoist) will be observed to see if their adjustments are on target.

It was also noted that work is proceeding on improvements on programming for the PHRF website. Obsolete sections will be dropped and there will be inputs for new information.

The Committee agreed to meet again on 17 DEC 25 to review and approve the rule changes for 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 20h20

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Kueffner
Secretary
YRALIS PHRF Committee

N.B.: See also minutes for 17DEC25 meeting.