

# PHRF News



## Your link to what's happening in and around the lake

*News, services, events, projects, items of interest and much, much more.*

### I'm late, very late!

Yes, this should have been out by the end of last month, but with some finalization needed by Central Council I chose to hold this off until I had all the news for this spring.

Certificates have finally been printed and the updates to the web site completed.

Regards,  
Diana Riley  
PHRF-LO Executive Assistant

### Now Available

- Central Council meeting minutes
- District Meeting minutes
- Certificate Renewals

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### Certificate Renewals

Now that all the certificates have been updated, Handicappers can start to renew them.

Renewing is easy.

Handicappers must be registered on the PHRF-LO web site. With registration you will be given access to the "Handicappers" section which includes a menu item "Renewals".

This will present you with a list of Certificates from your club that expired in 2015.

Follow the on-line steps to renew your certificates.

For any other certificates, please contact the PHRF-LO admin office.

### CHECK YOUR RATINGS!!!

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of checking all your certificate ratings.

With the introduction of Mainsail Credits & no longer offering Backstay exemptions, I witnessed **MANY rating changes**. Some of which are quite significant.

### Central Council News

#### Mainsails

##### MGT:

Central Council has voted to approve the use of the 7/8<sup>th</sup> in our formula starting as early as 2017. They are asking that we start to collect this measurement.

##### RFM Credit:

You will no longer see a credit for Vertical Roller Furling Mains.

##### Small Mainsail Credit:

Credit of up to 9 sec/nm will be applied to small mainsails.

##### Square Top Mains penalty adjustment:

You will no longer see a credit to correct over penalization of sails with a Head Width greater than standard.

### Class Rating Review & Changes

A report showing every class handicap change is available on-line

#### [Yacht Class History Report](#)

This is also available in a link from:

Main Menu, Valid Class Search

Handicappers Menu, Class (SP) Query.

## NFS-Delta

(project & review have been put on hold until further research can be done)

The sail area formulas used for calculating the NFS delta are slightly different than the new formulas we are currently using. We will be updating them and anticipate some minor adjustments.

We will notify you once these have been done.

## Race Analysis Reports

We have new reports that look at the fleets on the lake.

These reports will give the viewer an overview of the performance of each fleet we run through our analysis program.

There will also be a report showing the Lake Wide averages to compare them to.

[Link to Reports](#)

These are also available by selecting "Races & Analysis" from our Main Menu.

## Looking For Volunteer

*Seems like we are always looking!!!  
But this is a fun one!!*

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

We are looking for someone interested in dabbling into the technical world of sailing. This position works closely with Central Council and helps them with decision making projects.

They are currently looking at:

**Props** – are our adjustments fair?

**Keels** – is there a formula to apply a delta vs just a number for all classes?

If this is something that may interest you, please send us an email.

## Executive News

### Facebook

Yes, you heard right.  
[We are now on Facebook.](#)

Please feel free to join us there!!

### Non-member Certificates

*Mike Campbell (Pres)*

As of 2016 the non-member certificate fee has been reduced from \$70 to the standard certificate fee of \$35. This price level means the \$20 administration credit to the member club can no longer be provided. However, the member club that administers a non-member certificate and provides race results from their clubs will receive the \$5 credit for all certificates they administer including the non-member certificates.

We hope that all member clubs and their handicappers are interested in promoting PHRF racing. We hope member clubs and handicappers will become ambassadors for PHRF-LO. By helping individual boats and smaller clubs with a few certificates you will be supporting and growing the organization.

## Spring Training Seminar

Another great workshop was held at the Youngstown Yacht Club on April 2, 2016.

We had a great group, which included Handicappers, owners and Commodores.

The big hit of the day, was the hands on Sail Measuring, headed by our own Toronto West District Chief, John Crawley & our wonderful Technical Advisor, Brian Chapman.

We would also like to thank YYC for hosting this great event and for the delicious lunch!

## Handicappers Manual

The revised Handicappers Manual for 2016 has finally been released.

The following sections have been modified:

[Handicappers Manual Part I](#)

[Handicappers Manual Part II](#)

[Handbook – Appendage](#)

\* [Links to drafts \(showing changes\) are included on the Main page.](#)

## Coming Up

**November 19, 2016 – Central Council Meeting**

**November 19, 2016 – Executive Meeting**

**January 21, 2017 – Annual Meeting**

# PHRF Racer's Association

Your PHRF Voice!



**Check us out:**

[www.phrfracersassociation.com](http://www.phrfracersassociation.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/  
PHRFRacersAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/groups/PHRFRacersAssociation)

Welcome to the new PHRF Racer's Association. Our purpose is to keep PHRF racers informed and up-to-date on events for Lake Ontario.

Participation in the association is free and open to anyone with an interest in making PHRF racing great; skippers, crew, yacht clubs, other sailing associations and groups!

Our goal is to get the message out and get more PHRF boats off the docks and involved in racing.