

June 21, 1983



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Delegates and Handicapper's Council PHRF-LO
From: President PHRF-LO

No Annual Meeting of the delegates and handicappers was held in December, 1982, therefore, on February 5, 1983 a special meeting of the Board of Delegates and the Handicapper's Council of PHRF-LO was called at the Kingston Yacht Club. A quorum of delegates and handicappers were in attendance at this meeting. It was pointed out that prior notification of the time and place of the meeting was a few days short of that prescribed by Bylaw 6.2 and 6.5.

It was proposed that the meeting proceed since we were assembled and that the election of new officers of the organization and amendments to the bylaws be enacted.

Jack Schneider was re-elected as Chief Handicapper by consensus. Subsequently he indicated that there was an issue of "Protest" and Appeals. Definitionally the misuse of equipment (oversize genoa) is protestable, whereas a properly issued rating is not protestable rather it is grievable or appealable.

The Board of Delegates in their meeting requested that the General Meeting of Delegates and Handicappers be reconvened to consider bylaw changes.

Bylaw 8.7. Any current PHRF-LO certificate holder may protest his own or another yacht's rating.

This is reworded to read.

Any PHRF-LO certificate holder or applicant for a certificate may grieve his own or another yacht's rating.

Bylaw 8.8. The Council of Handicappers shall resolve grievances of certificate holders regarding the handicap of their own or any other yacht. The local handicapper with the aid of PHRF committee will first hear the grievance and try to resolve it. If the grievance is not resolved at this level, the certificate holder may appeal to the Council of Handicappers through the Chief Handicapper. Three neutral members of the Council will hear the protest and their decision will be binding. The Chief Handicapper shall be empowered to take binding temporary action, pending a review by council members. The Board of Delegates will publish a procedure for protesting ratings and distribute such to the delegates and handicappers.

This is reworded to read.

The Handicap Appeals Committee shall resolve grievances of Certificate holders or applicants for certification regarding the handicapping of their own or any other yacht. The local handicapper, with the aid of his PHRF Committee will first review the grievance. If the grievance is not withdrawn after such a review, the grievor may appeal to the Handicap Appeals Committee which will hear the appeal. Their decision will be binding, pending ratification at the Annual General Meeting by the Council of Handicappers. The Board of Delegates will make available the procedure for grieving

Nominations were closed and the slate acclaimed and ratified unanimously.

Under Bylaw 6.5 in lieu of a special meeting, the officers may conduct a mail vote of the delegates and handicappers on policy matters or amendments to the bylaws, provided the specific items to be voted on are mailed to the delegates and handicappers more than thirty (30) days prior to the ballot return date.

The amendments to the bylaws, action on policy, and the election of the members of the Appeals Committee, and the officers for 1983 are being presented for your consideration.

No response to these presentations by July 24, 1983 will be considered as an affirmative vote for all actions taken at the meeting on February 5, 1983.

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