

# PHRF News



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

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

### Happy New Year!

Yes, I am a little late but it has been busy to say the least.

There are several things that you need to be aware of if you have not been following the updates on the Web site, so I thought I would send a newsletter to recap what has been happening.

Regards,  
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### NOW AVAILABLE!!

- Minutes to the Annual Meeting
- Minutes to the Central Council meeting

*You can find these on the web*

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### Spring Training Seminar

We have 2 seminars planned this year.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Port Credit Yacht Club**  
or  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Genesee Yacht Club**

The seminars will include:

- The Handicapping Process
- The Handicappers Worksheet
- Time on Time Scoring
- Role of the PHRF-LO Office

We will also be explaining the changes that are coming for 2013 & 2014 on how we handicap Spinnaker and adjustments.

You can let us know if you are interested in attending by emailing or calling the PHRF-LO office.

### FOOT Measurements

#### Symmetrical Spinnaker Notice

In order to prepare for the changes to how we will handicap Spinnakers in 2014, we will require foot measurements on all new Symmetrical Spinnakers reported during 2013.

If there is already a Symmetrical Spinnaker listed on a Certificate, we will default the size of the foot to equal the Max Girth. But, we recommend that all

Symmetrical Spinnaker foots be measured and reported as this "could" result in a reduction in size for 2014.

### Centreline Tack Credit

#### All Spinnakers Notice

During the Spinnaker Area project it was identified that we needed to compensate for Spinnakers that are not tacked to either a Spinnaker pole or Articulating Bowsprit.

We have instituted a "Centreline Tack Credit" of +6 sec/nm when a boats only tack point for the Spinnaker is on the centreline.

#### For existing Certificates:

If you are an owner, please contact your club Handicapper to confirm that this should be applied to your certificate.

If you are a Handicapper, you need to notify the PHRF-LO office to ensure that the owners certificate is updated correctly.

#### For New Applications:

There is now a box on the application form under "FS Attachment" that reads:

Pole and/or Art BS Y  N

In order to qualify for the "Centreline Tack Credit" you will have to mark this box as "No".

## Central Council News

It has been another marathon year of changes and Central Council is doing there best to get through everything and keep racing as fair as possible for 2013.

For more details on what your Central Council of Handicappers are looking at, check out their Meeting minutes on-line.

Select "Meetings", "Central Council Meetings" from the Main Menu.

### Handicapping Spinnakers

The big news is in the changes coming with regard to how we handicap Spinnakers. We have cleaned up some of the formula for 2013 and will be making some improvements in 2014 by instituting a sail area formula for calculating spinnaker size.

Details are available from our web site.

### Alert List & Spinnaker handicap changes

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Central Council held a meeting to review:

Race Analysis Alert classes and changes to ratings due to the New Spinnaker formulas

Details are available from the Winter 2013 meeting minutes on-line.

### Handicapping Mainsails

A review of how and when we measure mainsails is being done, as well as, how to handle "Fat head Mains".

### Benchmark Classes

Central Council has set up a list of "Benchmark Class boats" to use for comparisons, when setting new ratings or for rating disputes.

Benchmark Classes are marked with an asterisk (\*) in their name in all our class listings.

This list will be reviewed and updated if necessary annually.

### NFS-Delta Re-review

Last year we asked for your input into classes of boat you would like Central Council to review again.

We completed that review during our Fall 2012 meeting.

## Executive News

At the fall meeting it was discussed that we would like to support our Handicappers in cases where there is a threat of legal action. A motion was presented at the Annual Meeting but defeated.

We would like to get input into any suggestions you may have on how we could approach this and protect our most valued volunteers.

Please send suggestions via email to the PHRF-LO Admin office.

## District News

### South Shore

We would like to welcome Larry Huibers of Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club as the new South Shore District Chief. Central Council looks forward to working with him.

### Toronto East

We would like to welcome Owen Schneider of Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club as the new Toronto East District Chief. Owens appointment was welcomed and his input appreciated at the last Central Council meeting.

## Admin News

### Valid List Certificate (pdf)

Pdf copies of Certificates will not be available until early April due to the programming changes that are being done for how we handicap Spinnaker.

The programming has been started, but it will require testing and then a complete re-print of all affected certificates.

### Club Dues

All Club Dues invoices have been mailed directly to the club and emailed to the "Main" handicapper.

If you have not received yours, please contact the admin office.

### Certificate Renewals

As in previous years, you (the handicapper) can renew your certificates on-line once your Club Dues payment has been received by the PHRF-LO office.

To renew a certificate you must first be logged in. Then select "Renewals" from the Handicappers Menu.

Directions are included on that page.

### NOTE:

I was hoping to update and improve the on-line certificate renewal process but with all the changes and projects this year I did not have time.

It also looks like I will not be able to address it during 2013, so if there is anyone who would like to assist with this, please let me know.

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## Coming Up

March 23, 2013

Central Council Meeting  
Spring Training Seminar

April 6, 2013

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