

PHRF News



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

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

Hold onto the rails!

I have a lot to report and I strongly suggest that you read this newsletter in order to make sure you are up-to-date on all the changes for this season and so you are aware of what is coming for 2014.

Highlights include:

- ◆ Mainsail requirements for both 2013 and 2014
- ◆ Jib changes for 2014
- ◆ Class rating and other changes
- ◆ New Credits and penalties
- ◆ Owner's responsibilities
- ◆ Revised Certificates
- ◆ New phone number
- ◆ Application Changes

Regards,
Diana Riley
PHRF-LO Executive Assistant

NOW AVAILABLE!!

- Minutes to the Central Council meeting
- List of all class changes

You can find these on the web

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Please check your handicaps!!

Don't wait until half way through the season to realize that a handicap has changed!

There have been many handicap changes as a result of the reviews done by Central Council and certificates have been re-issued with the new ratings.

When checking the "Valid Lists", you will be able to quickly identify if there has been a change by checking the column marked "Last Updated".

If the date in that column is from the year 2013, then make sure you are using the correct numbers when scoring your races.

If someone else does the scoring, please make sure to pass along this information.

Important Reminder!

Owners Responsibility

It is the owner's responsibility to check his/her certificate for accuracy.

The enclosed checklist is attached to each and every certificate to help the owner identify if there is a problem.

Should there be a discrepancy; the owner should address this with the club handicapper.

NOTE: Certificates have been updated to reflect the new credits/penalties as advised by Central Council or in the database.

However, if these have been applied incorrectly it is still up to the owner to get his/her certificate corrected or risk protest.

Please ensure that your owners are aware of the new penalties and credits.

2013 New Credits & Penalties

There are a whole list of NEW penalties and credits. They are:

Centerline Tacked FS (+6 sec code "c")

(Only applicable to boats where there is NO spinnaker pole or Articulating Bowsprit on board)

In Mast "Vertical" Roller Furler (+6 sec code "r")

(Not applicable to boats where the class standard name includes the RFM designation)

Carbon Fibre Mast (-6 sec code "p")

(Not applicable to boats where the class standard name includes the CF designation)

Aluminum Mast (+6 sec code l)

(Only applicable to boats where the class standard name includes a CF designation)

Square top Main (+3 sec code t)

(A "Square Top Main - penalty correction" will be included to correct for over penalizing Square top mains using our current formula)

Central Council News

They have been a busy bunch!

Here is a recap of the items addressed at meetings this year.

Spinnakers Area and adjustment formulas for both 2013 & 2014

Review of boats and/or classes affected by the spinnaker area change.

Race Analysis Alert List handicap review

Mainsail limit formula & Square Top Mains

Re-review of the NFS-Delta for classes of boats with bowsprits or oversized poles

New and Changed handicap review

Class version deltas

For a complete description of any of these items, please review the meeting minutes available from our web site.

Select "Meetings" from our Main menu.

Also: a complete list of all class handicap changes will be available via several links on our web site.

Mainsails

Mainsail Changes

As you may know, Central Council has been trying to address many concerns with how we handicap Mainsails.

At their meeting on April 14, 2013 (see minutes) they voted on and approved the following:

For 2013:

- all boats with "Square top mains" must be measured and reported. An adjustment of -6 will apply in lieu of the calculated penalty.
- Confirmation of current mainsail measurements and backstay configurations will be needed for some boats

For 2014:

- A new formula for calculating MGUL & MGML will be introduced.

MGUL: $(0.38 * P)$
MGML: $(0.65 * E)$

- All New Mainsails must be measured and reported.

2014 Jib (Genoa) Changes

Central Council has been reviewing the work done by Adam Farkas (Asst. Chief Handicapper) and Brian Chapman (Technical Advisory Committee) on our current system for handicapping large roach Jibs

Adam and Brian have come up with the following proposal for implementation in 2014.

For jibs that are sheeting in front of the spreaders, a measurement of the HHW (headsail half width) shall be taken

and a corrected LP calculated as $LP=2*HHW$

Central Council felt that this was a very simple and easily implemented approach and voted in favour of the change.

District News

Rochester District needs a Chief

Larry Sill has tendered his resignation as District Chief for the Rochester region but to date; Larry has not found a replacement.

This has left an opening for someone to take over the position to represent the Rochester region on Central Council and to act as a voice for the region.

If you feel that you or someone you know would be interested in being part of this dynamic group of people, please contact us.

Grandfathering Discontinued

As of 2014

Grandfathering of spinnakers, which began back in 2006, will be discontinued as of 2014.

Check out our article:

Grandfathering Spinnakers
(Available on our web site home page.)

In the meantime, a complete list of affected certificates/boats is available for downloading. A link is included in the above article.

Admin News

Certificates (pdf) are now available

Copies of all certificates are now available for downloading from our web site. Select "Valid Lists" from our Main menu.

BULK request: If you would like to get a bulk printing of all certificates for your club, please contact the admin office.

admin@phrf-lo.org

Incomplete or Pending Certificates

Throughout the year we may encounter an issue with an application or certificate and mark it as "Incomplete" or "Pending".

A list of these, including a reason and sometimes documentation, is available on-line.

To access these, select "Your Incomplete Cert(s)" from the Handicappers Menu.

Club Dues Payments

You can check the status of your club dues payment on-line.

Select "About Us", "Member Search" from our Main menu.

This list is updated daily and will help you identify if the admin office has received your payment.

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.

Standard Speed Potential List (aka SP List)

An up-to-date SP list in adobe format will be available soon.

In the meantime, you can check handicaps by selecting "Class (SP List) Query" from the Handicappers menu on our web site.

Handicappers Manual

Most of the changes to the manual have been done but there are a few last minute additions/changes that need to be completed before it can be distributed.

Once completed (which I hope will be by the first week of May) I will post a notice on our web site.

Forms

Application form and Handicappers worksheet

A 2013 version of the application form and Handicappers worksheet are now available for downloading.

Changes includes:

- Metric option
- Symmetrical Spinnaker Foot
- No Spin pole or Art. Bowsprit
- Square top main
- Roller Furling main
- Mast Type: CF or Aluminum

New Phone Number

Due to some unscrupulous use of our local phone number we have been forced to change it.

The PHRF-LO admin office new local (Hamilton) phone number is:
289-756-0918

The toll free number has not been affected by this and remains:
1-800-488-9885

Spring Training Seminar

A big thank you goes out to the Port Credit Yacht Club and John Crawley for hosting the seminar.

We had a great turn out and from the feedback we got, it was well received by both new and seasoned handicappers.

Future seminars will be hosted by various clubs around the lake. So if you are in the Eastern (EYC) or South Shore (SSYRA) Districts and would like to host the 2014 Spring Training Seminar, please let me know.

Coming Up

November 16, 2013

Executive Meeting
Central Council Meeting

January 11, 2014

Annual General Meeting



**Performance Handicap Racing Fleet
Lake Ontario**

Certificate Check List

As you review your certificate, please look at each of the following questions.

If you answer "No" (or if you are unsure) to any of these, please talk with your club handicapper.

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my name, club, sail number and boat name all correct?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is the "class" of boat correct?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Do the "Rig" and "Hull" measurements match that of my boat?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my "Jib" size and LP% correct?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my <u>largest</u> "Symmetrical Spinnaker" listed and with the correct size?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my <u>largest</u> "Asymmetrical Spinnaker" listed and with the correct size?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my Spinnaker Pole and/or Bowsprit listed correctly?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my "Backstay" correctly identified?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my "Mainsail" size correct? (for boats with no backstay or backstay deflector)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Is my "Propulsion" correctly identified?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Are the "Misc Adjustments" penalty/credits reported correctly? This could include Centerline Tacked Spinnaker credit, "In Mast" Roller Furling Main credit, Carbon Fibre Mast, Grandfather credit</i>

Other things to consider reporting are:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I am "not" aware of modifications to my boats Rig, boom, rig cross section, rig staying, keel/ballast, keel/rudder, prop or interior that have "not" been reported?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>I have not added/included additional sails that should be reported?</i>

If you are unsure of anything else that you may or may not need to report, please refer to the "Owners Quick Guide" available on-line or speak with your Club handicapper.

Thank you and have a great racing season.

**Brian Thomson
Chief Handicapper PHRF-LO**