PHRF News

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

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

Busy busy busy

Race results are pouring in and we are slowly getting through them.

We have had back to back meetings & conference calls dealing with many issues that will affect you for the 2015 & 2016 sailing season.

Please read page 2 of this newsletter…it is a must!!

Regards,
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Now Available

- Central Council meeting minutes
- Executive meeting minutes
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Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar

Saturday January 10th, 2015

10:00 AM

Direct Energy Center

Toronto International Boat Show

Salon 110E

Same room as in prior years

Link to Agenda with map
You must be registered & logged in to see the agenda.

Guests are welcome!

As in previous years, the show organizers have graciously donated the meeting room and supplied free tickets to the show for handicappers that attend the meeting.

Please show your thanks!

No refreshments will be served so please bring your own to the meeting.

We will not be supplying any copies of the Race Analysis at the meeting. Copies will be available on-line in the days following the meeting.

Spring Training Seminar

Mark your calendar

Saturday March 28th, 2015 1:30 pm (13:30 hrs)

Don't miss our annual Spring Training Seminar taking place at.

Whitby Yacht Club

Your Day Includes:

- Setting new handicaps
- Getting a certificate
- Descriptive and Hands on Sail Measuring.
- Handicappers Worksheet Training
- Race Results Submission & Analysis
- In depth review of handicapping changes for the coming season!
- Introduction to handicap changes for next year!

Open to all Handicappers, Certificate Holders and Member Club Rear Commodore of Sailing.

Important Information on the next pages.
Keep Reading!

Central Council News

These will affect you for 2015.

You must be informed!

J 24 – Discontinuation of +3 temporary credit for Spinnaker.

History:
In late spring of this year, it was discovered that the Max Girth recorded for the one design configuration was understated and in order to correct this and maintain all ASP's for the 2014 season we instituted a temporary +3 sec/nm credit to all affected certificates.

November 22, 2014:
Central Council reviewed the issue and resulting penalty. They voted in favour of removing the credit without any adjustment to the SP.

Affect:
All J 24 boats that are currently using PHRF-LO recognized one design sail configurations will incur a -3 sec/nm adjustment to their handicap. FS-ASP will change from 165 to 162.

Single Digit Adjustments – no more 3 sec/nm jumps in handicap.

History:
In November 2011, Central Council accepted a recommendation to modify our Jib Size Adjustments to allow other than the standard 3 sec/nm increments. This resulted in changes in our Handicappers Manual which allow single digit adjustments.

November 22, 2014:
Central Council agreed to introduce single digit adjustments for all sails effective the 2015 racing season. All current tables in the Handicappers Manual will be replaced with the following:

JIB (Genoa): Maximum 155%.
1 sec/nm for every 5% change in sail size.
Adjustment maximum of +11, minimum of -9

SPINNAKER (Sym and Asym):
Maximum 180%.
1 sec/nm for every 5% change in sail size.
Adjustment maximum of +12, minimum of -24

MAIN: Maximum 100%.
1 sec/nm for every 1% change in sail size.
Adjustment maximum of -9, minimum of 0.

Affect:
Most Certificates will see small changes in their handicaps. Some will get additional penalties, some will have penalties reduced.

Mainsail measurement – changes are coming!

History:
Adam Farkas (Asst. Chief) has been working on converting all our old sail calculations into formulas using Sail Area. However, while working on utilizing this for Mainsails, he recognized that our "Conventional Backstay Exception Rule" and the need to address Square Top mains, were creating an obstacle.

March 23, 2013:
Central Council agreed that all "New to Certificate" Mainsails must be measured and reported.

November 22, 2014:
Central Council agreed that Adams Mainsail formula should be implemented for the 2016 Sailing season. Included at that time, will be the removal of the "Conventional Backstay Exception" that currently allows owners the option to not measure the main.
Central Council is also discussing the possibility of credit for small mains.

Affect:
Starting immediately, PHRF-LO will begin to collect all Mainsail measurements regardless of the current Backstay configuration. No adjustments or changes will be made for the 2015 season.
However (effective 2016)….
Once the "Backstay Exception" is removed, all Mainsail areas will be calculated which could result in penalties. Any certificate without mainsail measurements at that time will be marked as "Unmeasured Main" and will be defaulted to 100% but are at risk of protest.

Rule 10.5 Extreme Yachts – A new definition – do you have one of these boats?

History:
For the past several years, Central Council has been trying to address the rating of the Martin 243 as it applied to our Rule 10.5 for Extreme Yachts, which stated that a yacht may not have "racks" in place while racing etc.
It was finally decided to enlist a "Sub Committee" to review Rule 10.5 to review if or how it applies to PHRF-LO of today.

November 22, 2014:
As recommended by the Sub Committee, Central Council have agreed to reword rule 10.5 as follows:

10.5 EXTREME YACHTS – PHRF-LO will only rate monohull keel boats, as defined by Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) C.6.2.a, without devices or facilities to move the crew member's body outside of the sheerline, as defined by ERS D.1.2., of the hull.

10.5.1 This prohibition includes, but is not limited to:

i. Racks
ii. Wings
iii. Trampolines

iv. Trapezes (ERS F.1.7.c, i)

10.5.2 Exception – this rule does not apply to classes of boats originally designed, built or modified prior to 1980.

Affect:
The Martin 243 will no longer be eligible for a handicap, as well as, some other boats that are currently rated.

Handicappers are asked to advise the PHRF-LO Admin office of any such vessels so that Central Council can review them.

Dragon Class – owners must request a CUS handicap.

History:
It was brought to our attention that many International Dragons may have standard dimensions that differ from the PHRF-LO listed specs.

November 22, 2014:
Central Council reviewed the issue and voted to confirm and publish measurements that will act as standard for the class.

Affect:
Certificate holders with a Dragon class will be required to apply for a "Custom" class & handicap if they feel that their boat is significantly different from the "PHRF-LO standard" dimensions.

Aloha 27 & 8.2 – owners need to ensure correct class

History:
It was brought to our attention that the builder changed the rigging during production (1981) and that there are actually 2 different E measurement for this class.

November 22, 2014:
Central Council agreed to separate these into two classes.
Aloha 27 = E = 10.25
Aloha 8.2 = E = 11.25

Affect:
All boats currently in our system have been updated to the Aloha 8.2 class, to maintain their current E measurement. Owners will need to ensure that the correct class (and E measurement) is listed on their certificate.

Admin News

Projects Include

Related Classes

We will be working with our IT person to come up with a way to connect related classes within our database.

"Related classes" include variations for prop and keel and Mods.

Doing this will reduce the time it takes to review and modify ratings.

There will also enhance our Race Analysis results by possibly combining the results for all versions.

Modified Race Analysis reports

A new Summary report has been created that includes both Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails on the same page.

Executive News

Use of Proprietary information

At the Annual Meeting, we will be asking for members input on a situation that has recently presented itself.

We have become aware of sailing club from a mid-eastern US State, who are openly (via links on their web site) directing their members to use our Certificate Application form and Handicappers Manual.

At our recent meeting, we could not come up with an agreed resolution, so it was decided to bring it to our members for input.

We will also be looking for input regarding clubs who join PHRF-LO, but have no interest in applying for certificates.

President Nomination

Since our last Newsletter did not entice any suggestions for nominations to replace Larry Beneway, we approached Mike Campbell, our current VP, and he agreed to run for the position.

He already has great ideas flowing and if elected has a plans to increase promotion of PHRF-LO racing.

Vice President Nominations

With Mike Campbell taking over the position of President, we were at a loss on how to replace him. The Admin office sent out a plea to all our handicappers to come forward and with support from Mike, Bill Topping from Brockport Yacht Club is willing to be nominated.

Coming Up

January 10th – Annual Meeting
All members meeting at the Toronto Boat Show

Feb 28th – Central Council meeting

Mar 28th – Central Council meeting

Mar 28th – Spring Training Seminar