

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 do think it is official! Racing season has begun!!

Wow, the flood of certificate requests just keep pouring in.

Plus, our Districts have been very busy with meetings and setting new handicaps.

Your Executive are also busy dealing with a few outstanding items.

Remember, this newsletter is to keep you informed!! So read on!!

Regards,
Diana Riley
PHRF-LO Executive Assistant

Now Available

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

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Handicapper Worksheet

2015

If you have not already noticed, the 2015 version of your Handicappers Worksheet is now available.

Changes include:

1. Single Digit Adjustments
2. Sample 2016 Mainsail calculations
3. New Spinnaker Pole calculation

Remember, if you find any issues with the worksheet, do not hesitate to let me know.

MAC (Apple) USERS

If you are/where having trouble with some of the drop down lists etc, It has been reported that the Excel 97 – 2003 version is now working wonderfully within Open Office Calc.

Central Council News

Headsail Half Width (HHW)

Update: Revised Wording

In order to subdue continued confusion on the HHW requirement. Central Council

approved a revised wording for the Handicappers Manual:

Part II, Section 7.1.2

Should the largest Headsail in the boats rated inventory be of a LP 115% or less, and that sails Aft Edge trims ahead of the spreaders with Battens, the HHW shall be measured.

Note to Handicappers: if you see a small Jib with Battens, then it would be advisable to have it measured.

Admin News

Event Calendar

CLUBS!

If you are planning an event and would like to have it included on our web site, please email me with the details.

admin@phrf-lo.org

RACERS!

If you are looking for events to participate in, you will find them there.

Just visit our web site:
www.phrf-lo.org

Handicappers Manual

The revised manual is now available in a new format.

The Bad: Due to ongoing issues, I was forced to disassemble the manual back into separate sections.

The Good: there are links to sections for quick reference from the table of contents.

Incomplete & Pending Certificates

When logged into the web site, you may want to check to see if you have any outstanding certificates.

When I receive a request for a certificate and it requires additional information, I will mark it as "Incomplete" or "Pending" and include a small description of what is required.

I also do this for boats that that are in your race results (that race 5 races or more) but I did not receive an application for.

Other items

Renewal of Old Certificates

Our database includes almost 30 years of expired certificates that at some point, you may be asked to resurrect.

As a handicapper, you can renew a certificate from the previous season, but anything older requires that the ratings be updated and a copy of the revised certificate uploaded to our web site.

"New Mainsail" wording

Yes, confusion abounds with this. Unfortunately, I am stuck with this for this year.

On the Application form, Handicappers Worksheet and the Certificates, you will see the term "New Mainsail".

This term was adopted in 2014 during a requirement that all "New" mains must be measured.

However, since that time, Central Council has made changes to the Mainsail formulas and in 2016, will introduce a credit for small mains and the removal of the Backstay exemption, which means all mains will require measurements.

For 2015, our forms & database, will continue to use this term but only as a reference that these are "New to the certificate".

For 2016, the term "Measured Mainsail" will replace all the following:

- No Backstay
- Deflected Backstay
- Removable Backstay
- Running Backstay
- With Square Top
- New Mainsail

All boats currently rated as "Conventional Backstay", will be replaced with "Unmeasured Mainsail".

Multiple Certificates for one boat

Every year I am asked the age old question "Can I have more than one certificate for my boat".

This usually arises out of the desire to use different sails for different events and we do understand this.

However.....

The answer is always "NO".

Our mandate is to make racing as fair, as possible, for everyone. Allowing multiple certificates would confuse your competition as they would not be able to verify what sails you were using at any given time.

Web Site

As many of you know, I also do all the work on the web site. So if you have any suggestions or comments, I welcome them.

JUNE 7TH

I have been advised by our Web Host that they will be doing a "Maintenance" at 1:00 AM EDT and that the site will be unavailable for up to an hour.

A part of this maintenance includes an upgrade to our MySQL version and has the potential to cause issues with our site.

If issues occur, I hope to be able to address them as soon as possible.

Coming Up

Nov 21, 2015 – Central Council Meeting

Nov 21, 2015 – Executive Meeting