

PHRF News



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

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

Start of the New Year

With the AGM over and the race analysis completed. I am now going to focus on setting up the handicapper certificate renewal section of our web site.

This is a large task, but will serve to streamline the certificate renewal process.

Regards,
Diana Riley
PHRF-LO Executive Assistant

NOW AVAILABLE!!

- AGM Meeting Minutes
- 2007 Race Analysis
- Class Review list

You can find these on the web

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AGM News

**Thanks goes out to the
[Bronte Harbor Yacht Club](#)
For hosting our 2008 Annual
General Meeting.**

2008 Slate of Officers:

John Fahy – President
Ian McKimmie – Vice President
Andrew Sensicle – Sec./Treasurer
Brian Thomson – Chief Hand
Bob Porter – Asst. Chief Hand
Adam Farkas – Asst. Chief Hand

Items of interest:

Changes to your Club Dues!

The membership approved the proposed change to the club membership dues.

We have removed the Club portion of the annual dues amount (\$75) and added an incentive to issue certificates and submit race results.

Basically, if you submit race results for a season, your certificate fee will remain at \$20/certificate. Otherwise, the certificate fee has been increased to \$25.

This was put in place to ensure that smaller clubs were given the intended savings (of removing the Club portion of the dues), yet still maintaining the same dues amount for clubs who continually pay the basic dues amount, without

issuing certificates or submitting race results.

As an aside to this:

Late submission of race results will be recorded and credited to your dues amount.

If you are late in submitting your race results, please send them in as soon as possible so that your dues invoice can be updated and reflected accordingly.

Other items:

Boats racing without a certificate:

The membership requested that the Executive explore options that would be acceptable without penalizing the clubs.

Maximum number of certificates:

Central Council announced that owners will only be allowed one (1) certificate change per season.

Class Review List

A NEW section has been added to our web site:

[Class Review List](#)

This is an up-to-date list of classes presently up for review by Central Council and the Districts.

We would like to get your input on these classes via the PHRF-LO forum. Please, include the class name in the forum title.

Spring Training Seminar

Mark your calendars

Date: April 5th, 2008
Niagara-on-the-lake
Sailing Club

Bob Porter (PHRF-LO Assistant Chief Handicapper) will be presenting a PowerPoint demonstration on:

"Optimization vs Modification"

Understanding the differences as it applies to your PHRF boat.

Also,

" General question and answer period"

Central Council will be on hand to answer any questions you might have regarding handicapping at your club.

This is a great opportunity for NEW handicappers to get better informed before the season gets underway

Central Council News

Central Council will be holding a meeting on February 24th. Agenda items will include:

- Alert List Review (Approx. 100 Classes)
- New handicaps review (Approx. 60 Classes)
- Changed handicap reviews
- Appeals
- Ratings of boats like the "Star"
- ODR class checklist

Race Analysis

The 2007 Race Analysis is now available for downloading from our web site.

- 2007 Summary Analysis for both Flying Sails and Non-Flying Sails is available to the general public.

- 2007 Detail by Boat is available to registered club handicappers.

Many of you already have received replacement pages for the race analysis that you received at the AGM.

It was brought to my attention that a fleet was overlooked in this year's analysis.

On review, it was noted that 2 of the 3 classes in this fleet were being slated for a handicap review so it was felt that a reprint of the affected classes/pages was in order.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Regards,
Diana Riley

Changes 2008

Some changes to look forward to for 2008.

No printed certificates

Certificates will no longer be printed on PHRF-LO letterhead and mailed out to handicappers. They will be uploaded to the web site "daily" and will be available for printing from there.

Certificate renewals on-line

Handicappers will now be able to renew a certificate on-line without the assistance of the PHRF-LO administration office. New certificates or certificate changes will still need to be submitted to the administration office but will be updated daily.

Web Updates

Certificate Renewals

I am in the process of setting up the changes that were planned for our web site for 2008.

The major change coming is allowing handicappers to renew their club certificates on-line.

The process will require that a handicapper register in advance that he/she will be processing renewals for their club. Upon approval, the handicapper will be able to access and renew their specific clubs certificates.

This will make the whole process much more efficient and reduce unnecessary paper and email requests.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

FAQ

I am also in the process of trying to include a FAQ section on our site. This will be worked on as time allows.