

PHRF News



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

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

Wow, it has been a while,

It has been 4 months since my last newsletter.

I kept thinking that it was overdue but there hasn't really been enough happening to fill a page. This must mean that things are moving along smoothly and they are.

Things have definitely calmed down over the past 2 months and now we look at getting all the race results in for analysis.

I hope everyone had a great sailing season, see you at the AGM.

Regards,
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NOW AVAILABLE!!

- Race Results Primer

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District News

GHPRF – June 18, 2007

New Boats:	FS/NFS
Dufour 29	183/201
C&C 27-5 SD	180/198
Beneteau 1 st 30E MH	162/180
Jeannneau Sun Fizz 40	120/138
Other:	
C&C 43 new handicap request.	

Web Updates

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.

Race Results

Deadline: December 31, 2007

It is that time of year again that we start looking at processing race results for analysis.

As usual, I would appreciate it if you could send them in as soon as possible. The process is much smoother now but there is still a lot that needs to be done to get them ready for the AGM.

I have included the Race Results Primer for your review.

If someone else at your club will be sending in the results, please forward this newsletter to them.

AGM

We are still trying to determine the date of the AGM.

A pole was placed on our web site but it was brought to my attention that it may not generate the findings that I had hoped.

I will notify you as soon as we have an update.

RACE RESULTS PRIMER

Certain information is absolutely necessary in order for your club/organization's race results to be processed, but in order to quicken the process please send your results in one of the following formats:

ALL RESULTS MUST INCLUDE:

1. *Your name, phone number and club.*

In case there are problems with your race results, a contact is necessary. We realize that many handicappers do not handle the race results and thus must act as middleman. We would prefer to go direct to the source for any problems we may have.

2. **Division description** - i.e.: Spinnaker or NFS/White Sails

This is needed to ensure that the results are analyzed within the correct group. Please let us know if you have any one design class races that start with the regular fleet. These fleets can be analyzed together!

3. **Exact Yacht Name and Class** - please do not abbreviate!

a) In all cases a search for the name of the boat in our database can be done to retrieve the class, but not the reverse.

b) Unregistered boat name changes, multiple boat names and unregistered boats can result in that boat or the whole division being removed from the results if the exact class cannot be determined. Our database includes 4000 boats, which can make it impossible to decipher which boat is which.

4. **Elapsed Time** – The elapsed time is required for the race analysis program.

Some scoring programs such as Quickscore (see special note), do not show elapsed time on any race printout but the times are available through other sources (see acceptable formats).

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Wind Conditions are Important - In order to ensure the best possible data, *winds between 5 and 20 knot are best*. Wind conditions should be recorded or races with poor conditions should be excluded or marked for exclusion as these will make for poor or inaccurate results. If (after analysis and close review) it is suspected that the wind condition may be having an effect on the results (and no wind condition has been noted) races may be removed from the analysis on suspect only.

Special Regattas – Any races that do not ideally consist of a triangular racecourse (consisting of equal lengths reaching, beating and running) or windward/leeward (of equal legs) should be excluded or marked for exclusion. Exclusions would include races such as: long distance, single handed, etc.

FLEETS MUST BE SEPARATED

Spinnaker, No Flying Sails and One Design - please indicate these fleets or boats!!

One Design fleets can be included with regular fleets **ONLY IF** they have the same course, start time and are essentially racing against the regular fleet. If this is not the case, please have them separated and noted. It is at our discretion that combined fleets are included so this may not be possible for all results.

MINIMUM DATA:

1. Each race must have a minimum of 3 boats competing.
2. Each boat must have raced a minimum of 3 races.

If these minimums are not possible the race or boat will be removed.

In many cases, boats are removed due to lack of information. When this happens a domino effect often takes place where by, a race must be removed, then another boat removed, then another race removed, etc. etc. until in extreme cases the whole division must be removed.

ACCEPTABLE FORMAT:

1. **Spreadsheet – This is the preferred format !** This format is readily imported into the DMS program.

The format for importing is as follows:

The first 2 Rows will consist of the Date of the Race and Wind Speed eg:

	Race 1	ce 2	ce 3	ce 4
w 1- Date of Race	Race 1	g 19, 2005	g 26, 2005	pt 2, 2005
w 2- Wind Speed	Race 1	kts	knts	15 knts

The next rows/columns will consist of information on each boat

	Column 1- Boat Name	Column 2 – Class of Yacht	Column 3 – ASP used to score	Column 4 - Owner/skipper name	Column 5 - Sail number
w 3	at One	4 ODR	2	Smith	34
w 4	at Two	2C 33	0	Simpson	78
w 5	at Three	rage 24	0	Bailey	97

The adjacent rows/columns will contain the elapsed time of each boat in each race eg:

		lumn 6 - Race 1	lumn 7-Race 2	lumn 8-Race 3	lumn 9 - Race 4
w 3	at One	2356	5632	0155	4513
w 4	at Two	2220	5500	0013	4837
w 5	at Three	3031	0020	0529	5346

2. **Quickscore 01/02/03/04/05** – Dan Hollands has built a utility into the QS 04 program that allows us to export the information in the format set out as above. This can be used with most of the recent versions of Quickscore. This utility is not in all versions so please send all your QS data files (you may want to compress them into a Zip file if necessary) and we will process them to obtain the necessary information.

3. **Sailwave** – You can obtain the information as set out above by some simple changes to how the information is displayed:

By going to “View” then “Columns” you can specify which columns to include/exclude.

Then ensure you are viewing the results in “Elapsed Time”

You can then choose “File”, “Export” “Series summary to Windows Clipboard”. Once this is done, you can paste this into an open spreadsheet and you should see the format as described above.

NOTE: If you are unsure about this process, please send the Sailwave blw data files and the information will be extracted for you.

A FINAL NOTE

In an effort to reduce the amount of preparation time required to process some of your results, I am now asking that they be submitted in the “preferred” format. This will ensure that your results are processed quickly and accurately and in time for the AGM. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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