



Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest

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Handicappers Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2015

To: Officers, Directors, Handicappers, and Interested Members
From: Bill Nelson, Chief Handicapper
Date: January 25, 2015

- Bill Nelson Chief Handicapper
- Alan Grim Past Chief Handicapper MIL
- Mike Beste ST
- Paul Vezetinski ED
- Betsy Wareham
- Larry Clark
- Kirk Utter EM
- Neil Bennett-BYC
- Rafe Beswick SSSS
- Pat McGarry NWMA
- Mark Harang TTPYC
- Colin Emsley -AYC
- Mike Stainsby-PYC
- Dan Wierman-CNW
- Dan Randolph- ST
- Matt Wood- CYC

1000 hrs: Call to Order by CH

Introduction of Handicappers

The CH will be participating in the Board meeting. CH asked Alan Grim to run the HC meeting until his return.

Alan called for a **motion** to approve the Jan 2014 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Alan summarized the recent events surrounding the Vancouver Island members and an attempt among those clubs to change from PHRF-NW to BC Sailing as their rating authority. The CH is attending the Board meeting to discuss the same. With a possible split a distinct possibility, the handicappers hoped for an amicable split that would allow the two organizations to cooperate.

Admin Business

Square Top, Fat head, high roach, etc mainsails

The status and several options were discussed regarding the rating protocol and implementation of the proposed square top main rule. The discussion was deferred to later in the meeting when the CH could participate.

Appeals Process

Discussed the many reasons members may be reluctant to appeal. The regional councils will make an effort to be more active in 2015, including communicating with members

and assisting members with the appeal process. The RCs will promote boats with ratings that need attention for possible handicapper appeals. The RCs were reminded to follow the bylaws by publishing agendas 30 days in advance of the meeting to the business office, and minutes following the meetings.

Motion: Hold an Appeals Only meeting June 28. **Motion** Carried. The CH may cancel the meeting for lack of appeals.

Regional Council Report:

Seattle RC: Matt is working with sailmakers to hold a seminar for handicappers. Matt will keep the handicappers informed. Otherwise, the SRC has no activity to report. No reports from the other councils.

Prompt Completion of Applications:

Bill reminded the handicappers to promptly complete applications. Some are going as much as a year without completion.

On-Line Certificates:

The board and business office are working on making rating certificates available on-line. The handicappers are in favor of on-line certs. Dan Randolph suggested the certs be searchable by sail number, producing a pdf of the certificate without member contact info. Alan reminded handicappers that the business office will provide an excel version of the member database (cert data for all boats) upon request.

Other Business:

Bill raised the recent issue of sport boats. Aside from continuing to recommend race organizers develop fleets by boat type rather than straight rating splits, Bill noted that there was little PHRF could do. Handicappers should offer to help race organizers create fleet breaks by boat type. This has been in place for CYC events for several years, and has been working well. A suggestion was made to speed up the sport boats or slow down the older heavy displacement boats. This suggestion was roundly rejected.

Return to Square Top Mains

Bill noted that he had frozen usage of the protocol introduced last year. No progress has been made to understand the impact. The change affects too many boats and hence will not be implemented effectively.

Motion: Strike protocol L.2. 3rd and 4th paragraphs from the handbook. **Motion** Carried. The CH formed a Square Top main committee that includes himself, David Lynch, Alan Grim and Kirk Utter. This committee will resolve the issue and create the protocol to be used to address boats that have converted from a conventional shaped mainsail to a sail with more area up high.

Big Boat Fleet Status

The CH, along with Matt Wood and President Eric Nelson, met with BB Fleet reps Steve Travis and Paul LaMarche over dinner to discuss issues between the fleet and PHRF-NW.

David Lynch provided a rating analysis of several races going back into 2013. Given that the conversion from PHRF to IRC is not perfect, the analysis shows that the ratings the Big Boat Council developed are quite good and return very similar race results. The council did not see a reason to make any changes. Bill noted that he gave Neptune's Car a +6 change last year.

A review of the BBF and the 2014 roster indicates that most of the fleet continues to be PHRF-NW members. Only a handful is racing IRC exclusively.

Lunch 1200 -1300 hrs

Appeals

Pegasus, SOVR33-1

The owner requested the base rating be moved from 96 to 99.

Motion: Create a new SOVR33 standard for the lighter produced boats (such as the Pacific boats) with a base 3 seconds faster than the SOVR33-1. **Motion** Carried.

Motion: Move SOVR33-1 base rating from 96 to 99. **Motion** Failed.

The new **SOVR33-x** standard base rating will be **93**.

Peregrine, CATA38-1

Neither the owner nor the handicapper was present. The council attempted to hold the appeal anyway. The owner requested the base rating of the CATA38-1 be moved to the same as the CAL40.

Motion: Change CATA38-1 base from 126 to 129. **Motion** Carried.

The appeal also included revising the boats sail codes based on new measurements.

This is the responsibility of the club handicapper. The HC does not need to be involved.

Adjourn 1400 hrs