



**PACIFIC HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE NORTHWEST**

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**Minutes  
Handicappers Council Meeting  
November 19, 2006**

A handicappers council meeting was held on Sunday November 19, 2006 at the Bellingham Yacht Club, Bellingham WA.

Handicappers (H) and Directors (D) in Attendance:

Alan Grim (H), MIL – Interim CH  
Pat Nelson (H), CNT, CNT  
Roger Lawton (H), MP  
Jerry Cornell (H/D), PA  
Joe Ellertson (H), CNP  
Bruce von Borstel (D), SEQ  
Pat Waters (H), TT  
Rob Galbraith (D), CNB  
Drew Petrou (H), BL/CNB  
Larry Clark (H), SH  
John Martens (H), SS

Jack Stacey (H), CF  
Terry Waters (H), NYC  
Charles Tolman (H), SID  
David Hickman (H), RC/None-2  
Durkee Richards (H), SEQ  
Stuart Farrell (H), ST  
Mike Milburn (H), SYC  
Tom Schacht (D), TT  
Tom Gilbert (H), AYC  
Fred Perez (H), FH

**1.00 GENERAL HANDICAPPER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**1.01 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Interim Chief Handicapper (CH), Alan Grim, at 1100 hours. The CH introduced draft minutes from the June 11, 2006 Handicappers meeting. Only two handicappers present at the 11/19 meeting were present at the 6/11 meeting. No attendee list was available for the June 11 meeting. The group agreed that the minutes were representative of the discussion.

**A motion was made to approve the minutes – the motion carried.**

**1.02 Administrative Business**

Status of the Chief Handicapper, Arden Newbrook: Alan Grim explained the Arden's status. Arden has been unavailable to perform the duties of CH since the June 11 meeting. The Directors requested Alan attend the October Directors meeting where Alan was requested to step in as interim Chief Handicapper through the January Annual General Meeting (AGM). The directors expect that by the AGM Arden will resume his duties or resign his position.

The directors requested that the interim CH proceed to implement the proposed new protocol. The directors voted that the target implementation should be

March 1, 2007. The November 19 meeting is the first step toward that goal. Certificates will be issued to the members under the old protocol. Those certificates will be valid until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Certificates under the new protocol will be issued to the members prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, to replace the expiring certificates.

Alan requested the handicappers think about candidates for the CH position. Should Arden resign, a new CH will be selected at the January AGM and presented to the directors for approval.

### **1.03 Review of Proposed Protocol – Sections 2, 3 and 4**

Section 1 was not provided in time for review. Section 1 will be reviewed prior to and approved at the AGM. Section 5 is only the bylaws reformatted to the same format as the remainder of the proposed protocol. The interim CH verified that the text has not changed.

#### **Section 2:**

The protocol regarding spinnakers was the primary focus of the meeting. Although not unanimous, the majority opinion was that the proposed adjustments to the Rated Spinnaker Area (RSA) regarding oversized poles (mast-mounted and sprit) and oversized hoists were too severe. The following motions were the result of the discussion:

**A motion was made to revise the RSA adjustment for oversized spinnaker poles in paragraph 11.1.C.1 to the following:**

**Adjusted Rated Pole-Tacked Spinnaker Area = (RSA)(SPL)(1.8)/(the largest of SGF, SGL, or SGM)**

**The motion carried.**

**A motion was made to revise the RSA adjustment for oversized bowsprit poles in paragraph 11.1.C.2 to the following:**

**Adjusted Rated Sprit-Tacked Spinnaker Area = (RSA)(BPL)(1.5)/(the largest of SGF, SGL or SGM)**

**The motion carried.**

**A motions was made to revise the RSA adjustment for oversized spinnaker hoists (H) in paragraph 11.1.C.3 to the following:**

**Adjusted Rated Spinnaker Area = (RSA)(H)/(SLU)**

**The motion carried.**

It was noted that the above changes may require commensurate changes to the AFS ranges. The excel rating spreadsheet will be revised so that the impact can be assessed. Further review will occur in the AGM. The handicappers are

requested to continue collecting spinnaker dimensions and be prepared to analyze those dimensions once the rating spreadsheet is updated.

#### **Lunch Recess: 1245 – 1345**

- The interim CH initiated a discussion regarding significant deviations from standard code 5 sails. Sail area variations beyond one or two codes from standard become harder to predict. It was suggested that a boat should become an X-Boat if sail areas deviate significantly from the standard. No motion was made in this regard. But it was agreed that further discussion is warranted.

**A motion was made to revise the first sentence in paragraph 14.1.B to the following: Altered or modified standard class boats are subject to re-identification as X-Class provided under paragraph 2.5.D.**

**The motion carried.**

- The other significant area of discussion was in regard to the proposed Specified Configuration method.

**Motion: SCR boats shall be rated as “one-design” with no code calculation required. The SC columns in the rating adjustment tables shall be deleted. The SCR areas shall conform close to the standard area for that one-design.**

**The Motion failed.**

**Motion: Leave the SCR method as proposed.**

**The motion failed.**

**Motion: Delete the SCR method from the proposed protocol and postponed implementation of SCR until later date.**

**The motion carried.**

It was clear from the discussions that no individual handicapper completely understands the protocol as written. The Interim CH took the action to rewrite the protocol so that the SC method is clear and understandable. The handicappers clearly want a method to rate one-design boats. The interim CH will remove the SCR method from the protocol and prepare a proposal for the AGM. For now, no boats will be rated using the SCR method.

#### **Auxiliary Propulsion Systems:**

The propulsion adjustments in paragraph 13.2.D are not clear. The intent is to return the same method as today.

**Motion: The interim CH will fix the tables and post to the handicappers for review prior to the AGM.**

**The motion carried.**

**Miscellaneous Rating Adjustments:**

A desire was expressed by the handicappers to have guidelines associated with the Misc adjustments provided for in paragraph 14 of the proposed protocol. The interim CH will guide the construction of those guidelines.

The interim CH requested a motion to approve the proposed protocol as revised in these minutes and proceed to implement that protocol. The handicappers noted that March 1 was aggressive and may not be achievable.

**Motion: Approve the proposed protocol as revised in these minutes. Proceed with implementation with a target date of March 1, 2007. The decision to proceed for March 1, 2007 will be made in the AGM in January.**

**The Motion carried.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1600 hours.**

Following adjournment, Joe Ellertson gave a review of the rating spreadsheet. There is a version posted on the Officials\_Only page of the PHRF-NW website that includes a simple spreadsheet to return SAF factors under the current protocol. That simple spreadsheet is not guaranteed to reproduce the current protocol accurately. Care is required.

Minutes as recorded by Alan Grim

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