



PACIFIC HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE NORTHWEST

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**Minutes
Handicappers Council Meeting
December 9, 2007**

A handicappers council meeting was held on Sunday December 9, 2007 at the Olympia Yacht Club, Olympia WA.

Attendance:

Alan Grim, MIL – CH
David Lynch, PM
Stuart Farrell, ST-2
Matthew Wood, CN-1,2,3
Pat Waters, TT
Ken Slatterly, TA
Pat Nelson, CNT

Terry Waters, NYC
Larry Clark, SH
David Hickman, RC, PYC, SYS
Eric Rimkus, None-2
John Martens, SS
Mike Milburn, SE
Bob Bonney, ST-1

1.00 GENERAL HANDICAPPER COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.01 Call to Order/Adoption of Previous Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the Chief Handicapper (CH), Alan Grim, at 1000 hours.

Due to the limited attendance at the August 19 meeting, the CH reviewed the minutes with the handicappers in attendance.

A motion was made to accept the August 19, 2007 minutes. The motion carried.

1.02 Administrative Business

One-Design Ratings

An extensive discussion on one-design ratings ensued leading to the following motion:

Motion: PHRF-NW to reinstitute ODR ratings. Eligible boats are limited to those designs that are recognized at International One-Designs by ISAF or National One-Designs by USSailing. Those designs with multiple national classes are not eligible. A current class certificate is required to be submitted with application and with renewal of PHRF-NW membership. No measurement of sails will be required. Each ODR class shall be reviewed and approved by vote of the handicappers council upon appeal for ODR status.

Members of any ODR class are required to inform PHRF of any change to the one-design class rules for that design.

The motion carried.

The above motion is contingent on approval by the Board of Directors and upon amendment of the bylaws if and as required (see bylaw 9.4).

Actions:

- **CH to post a list of eligible one-design classes.**
- **CH to draft wording to add to Chapter I/II of the protocol.**
- **Board of Directors to address bylaw 9.4.**
- **CH to modify AR form as needed**

A/R Form

The CH presented the latest A/R form that will be used starting with in new year. A check box for ODR will need to be added with the text 'current class certificate attached'. Some changes were requested to adjust sizes of various fields. NFS and Regional Ratings should be shown on the A/R form and future certificate.

Mike Milburn requested that key dimensionless performance ratios be provided on the Rating Calculator and member certificate. The handicappers agreed. The CH will add the requested ratios to the Rating Calculator and will look into adding to the certificates with the coming update to the member database.

Eric Rimkus requested the CH look into initiating a web based A/R form that a member can fill out online. By designating their yacht club, the online form would email the A/R form to the appropriate handicapper. The handicappers agreed. The CH will address concurrently with the update to the member database.

1.03 Protocol

Mainsail Proposal

At the August 19 meeting, Ron Jewula and the BCRC submitted a proposal to change the Mainsail protocol align more with ISAF with regard to measurements required. The ISAF measurements in question are the midgirths MGM and MGU, each of which is measured from the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ points on the leach to the nearest point on the luff. The following motions resulted:

Motion: Adopt ISAF measurements for MGM and MGU. Change the Std Mainsail area formula to $0.59 \cdot P \cdot E$. Do not adopt the proposal to shift the rating bands in the SAFM table down by 0.001. The Motion Carried.

Motion: Add rating bands to the SAFM Table to increase the adjustment up to –30 seconds. Motion Carried.

Motion: Delete the measurement MGT as unnecessary. Motion Carried.

Motion: Delete the measurement MD or D as unnecessary. Motion Carried.

Terry Waters took an action to call Ron Jewula and Charles Lawton during the recess regarding the 0.001 shift to the SAFM table in the first action above.

Lunch Break (1230 – 1330)

After the break, Terry reported his discussion with Roger Lawton. The purpose of the 0.001 shift to the SAFM table is intended to make the change in method more transparent, maintaining mainsails at code 5 as much as possible.

Motion: Include 0.001 shift in SAFM Table as proposed. Motion Carried.

Actions:

- **CH to prepare PCN documenting change**
- **CH to modify AR form accordingly**
- **CH to modify Rating Calculator accordingly**
- **CH to modify measurement diagram accordingly**

Revised Protocol Implementation Direction

The CH reminded the handicappers of the direction provided in October regarding revised protocol implementation. The handicappers have actions to update the members ratings for the changes made to the protocol in 2007. The CH requests that the Regional Councils manage and report progress.

Actions:

- The CH was requested to re-organize the yahoo Files and the Officials_Only page of the website to contain only those materials necessary to the current process.
- The CH was requested to prepare and post a translation of “old” PHRF-NW measurement terminology to “new”.

Multiple Certificates/Change Forms

A question arose regarding multiple certificates for individual members. In the example cited, a specific fleet requested to have 2 certificates per boat, one for PHRF configuration (largest sails) and one for one-design

configuration. The general consensus was that this should not be allowed. The possibility exists that members may abuse the situation by declaring certificates to use based on the weather conditions forecast for near term events. The general guidance from the council is that handicappers should be wary of late requests for Change Forms from members close to an event. Change Forms can and should be submitted for members wishing to use new sails. But changes that result in a reduction in the speed potential of a boat should not be allowed immediately prior to an event. The guidance is left to the best judgment of the individual handicappers.

T Ratings

The CH requested the handicappers clarify the requirements for the use and application of T ratings. The following motion resulted:

Motion:

- **The handicapper responsible for a specific T rated boat may revise the T rating (base and as-sailed) rating.**
- **If there is another boat of the same type sailing in another part of PHRF-NW, the responsible handicapper wishing to revise the T rating must coordinate that change with the other handicapper(s) responsible for boats rated to the same standard.**
- **The rating adjustment for each change shall be limited to 9 seconds. Exceedances greater than 9 seconds may be approved by the CH.**
- **T rating changes will be submitted to the Business Office and the CH via a change form. The CH will update the SCD.**

The Motion carried.

Actions:

- The CH will revise the text in Chapter I/II accordingly

Altered Hoist (H)

The CH presented the proposed protocol Change Notice, PCN-07-06, to revise the protocol regarding altered spinnaker hoists.

Motion: Accept the proposed PCN-07-06 as written. Motion Carried.

The CH will remove the "draft" from the PCN and post.

Misc Code Adjustments

See South Sound RC report.

Protocol Format

Motion: Revise current protocol as amended into the format proposed by the previous CH. Motion Carried.

Action: The CH will attempt to reformat the protocol in time for publication of the 2008 book (~ March).

1.03 Sub-Region Council Reports

Seattle Region: Regional Chairman Matt Wood reported on the recent activity of the SRC. Kirk Utter has volunteered to address the Seattle Big Boat Fleet. The SRC has committed to communicating with the membership via monthly letters in the local sailing magazines.

South Sound: Regional Chairman Pat Waters reported on activity in the SSRC. The SSRC will be reviewing 4 appeals which will be added to the January agenda. SSRC is also working on the Misc Adjustments table, no report as of yet. The SSRC is also still considering the direction from the board to identify a common scoring program.

British Columbia: The BCRC has completed the request to revise the mainsail protocol.

Portland: The regional chairman, David Hickman, reported activity regarding implementation of recent protocol changes.

West Sound: No members present, no report provided.

Multihull: No members present, no report provided.

North Sound: No representatives from the North Sound region (not formally defined by the board) were present. No handicapper has volunteered to chair the NCRC. The NCRC is currently under the auspices of the SRC.

The CH requested that each region report progress in implementing the recent protocol revisions at each future meeting.

1.04 Appeals/Rating Adjustments

JBOA30-1:

Change of base rating from 145 to 142 to maintain as-sailed ratings. The application of JC to the spinnaker results in an SAFM shift from code 6 to 5.

Motion: revise base rating from 145 to 142. Motion Carried.

HOBI33-1:

Application of JC and ISP results in spinnaker code change from 7 to 5.

Motion: revise base rating from 95 to 89. Motion carried.

CM1200:

Application of JC and ISP results in spinnaker code change from 8 to 5.
Motion: revise base rating from 33T to 24T. Motion Carried.

C&C37/40:

SSRC was not prepared to address. This appeal will be shifted to the January AGM agenda.

The CH noted that the above base rating changes are examples of the actions required by the handicappers to implement the recent spinnaker protocol changes.

Action: handicappers to address implementation of protocol changes and report to respective regional councils. Report base ratings requiring change to the CH for inclusion in future meeting agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Meeting minutes as recorded by Alan Grim.

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