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October 25, 2009 - PHRF-LE MEETING MINUTES – Houlihan’s, Westlake, Ohio

Attendance: Doug Howe, Jon Tushak, Bill Kellner, Colin Mills, George Raynor

Administrative – Minutes approved from the September 24th meeting

New Applications

Base

Modifications

Old **New**

Appeals

Base Rating
Old **New**

Pearson Vanguard – Festine Tarde – Steve France/SSC – Current 225; asking 237 – Tabled as owner would like to attend the meeting and could not make it in October. Initial discussion: sails were pretty old, the comparison provided by the owner included ratings that included cruising credits. National average is 222.

OLD BUSINESS

Status of measurement CD – Continued work by Synowiec and Glanville; anticipated Spring production date.

Status report on new web site – Comments from the committee were positive; we need to write a history for the home page; we will be ready to go live by the end of the year.

We will make a paypal option, but will charge extra to absorb any additional fees; we should also add \$5 for expedited certificates (certificate requested within 5 days of an event).

Revisit Mainsail girth rules established in April 2008-Obtain 1997 IMS Rules for continued discussion at October meeting. Specifically we need to address sails on Flak Bait and Presto (both C&C 33-1). Presto has new oversized main according to new rule which is an exact duplicate of Flak Bait which doesn't carry the penalty because it was made before girth rule change. Tabled to November for further discussion with more committee members present. Discussed that when the girth rule was changed, any sail previous made would be grandfathered in without penalty. If that sail was replaced to the exact specs, than the new sail would carry a penalty under the new girth rule. As a result, in this instance, Presto will carry an oversized main penalty while Flak Bait would not. However, if Flak Bait were to replace the current mainsail with an exact replacement it would then carry the penalty.

During the discussion and review of the IMS Rules for mainsails, we noted that the IMS rules address how to measure the spinnaker pole which was a point of discussion at last month's meeting. The committee voted that the spinnaker pole should be measured according to the IMS rule.

New Business

Chairman appointed Jon Tushak to the status of Area Handicapper. Jon is new to the committee but has attended every meeting since appointed as measurer.

Discussion of incident during the Trans Erie where a member with an S2 7.9 used 2 headsails claiming the S2 7.9 class rules do not prohibit the use of two headsails. Recommendation was to send a note reprimanding the boat owner, and not take any further actions. This item was tabled until November to allow more discussion by the committee.

Assignments were made relating to this year's rating review of boats between 100 and 150.

Assignments were made for the review of new and changed ratings for 2009.

A proposal was put forward relative to the foot roach on jibs less than 155%. A change to the class rules should be made for 2010 that states when the LP of the sail is less than 155% and even if the foot roach is greater than 2%, there will be no penalty as long as the sail is within the footprint of a roller furling legal 155% sail. The proposal should be discussed further at the November meeting.

Judy discovered that the final 12/31/08 financial report had never been submitted and accepted by the committee. The committee accepted the final 12/31/08 financial report as presented.'

616 members 2009; 619 members in 2008; 629 members in 2007; 644 members in 2006; 668 members in 2005

Next Meetings:

November 15, 2009 – Houlihan's Westlake
 December 13, 2009 – Houlihan's Westlake