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January 18, 2009 - PHRF-LE MEETING MINUTES – Houlihan’s, Westlake, Ohio

Attendance: Doug Howe, Dick Synowiec, Joe Roetter, Colin Mills, George Raynor, Dick Frazier, Matt Kern, Chris Merkle, Dave Lengyel, Bill Kellner, Rick Rothenbuhler, Ray Bernhart

Administrative – Minutes approved from the December 14th meeting

New Applications

Sharpie Egret 28 – does not meet minimum safety requirements; committee will not rate this boat	<u>Base</u> NONE
Farr 11S – anticipated new application; not received yet. Considerations: specific design exceptions for canting keel	Tabled

Modifications

Appeals

<u>Base Rating</u>	
<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you to Rick Rothenbuhler at Quantum for giving a presentation on Code 0 spinnakers; discussion ensued and the suggested PHRF-LE class rules changes are as follows:

11.6.1 Symmetrical Spinnakers

Change 11.6.1.7 Leech lines are permitted, but must not be adjusted while racing.

11.6.2 Asymmetrical Spinnakers:

Asymmetrical spinnakers shall have the following characteristics:

- 11.6.2.1 Area no greater than a symmetrical spinnaker;
- 11.6.2.2 Luff and leech of unequal lengths where $SL/SLE \geq 1.1$
- 11.6.2.3 $(SL+SLE) / 2 \leq 0.95 * \sqrt{(I^2 + (\text{the greater of J or SPL})^2)}$
- 11.6.2.4 ASMG is $\geq 75\%$ of the foot length (SF)
- 11.6.2.5 Limit on the foot length such that ASF is between 1.7 and 1.8 times the greater of design J or design SPL or design TPS.
- 11.6.2.6 Asymmetrical spinnakers require measurements for the luff, leach, foot and midgirth (SMG).
- 11.6.2.7 Leech lines are permitted, but must not be adjusted while racing.
- 11.6.2.8 Any asymmetrical spinnaker with a mid girth $< 75\%$ or $\geq 55\%$ of foot length shall be penalized minus 3 seconds per mile and are classified as Code 0.

Annual Rating review - annual rating review is complete and changes made; impacted boats have been notified of any changes.
 Fall Ratings below 100 Review – assignments made; continue discussion at subsequent meetings Continued
 Criteria for review should include: 1) does the class need to be looked at; 2) does owner buy new sails every year;
 3) does the boat sail with optimum crew; 4) is the boat properly sailed.

Check with other PHRF areas on asymmetrical sail requirements (which may include code 0's).

Update on measurement video –Production has been scheduled to start in February

New Business

2009 Racing Rules – Change to NOR regarding class rules – Rule 87 - No changes to class rules are allowed in the NOR or sailing instructions (i. e. PHRF-LE Class rules) without written permission of the class (PHRF-LE committee). For example race organizers can no longer assign ratings at their discretion for boats without valid PHRF certificates unless complying with the 10 second penalty as defined in the PHRF-LE Class Rules. Class rules will need to be rewritten to allow for exceptions to this rule, e.g. single and double handed races can waive the crew minimum, out of area competitors with a valid PHRF certificate from their area can race in the PHRF-LE area with the appropriate PHRF-LE rating for their boat, events where all participants are members of the organizing club, and possibly others. A letter should be sent to yacht clubs for distribution to race chairman advising them of this change. In addition, Doug should consider this as a topic for the ILYA spring meeting.

Renewal history: 619 members in 2008; 629 members in 2007; 644 members in 2006; 668 Members in 2005

Next Meetings:

- 2/15/09 – Houlihan’s, Sunday, 10:30am
- 3/22/09 – Houlihan’s, Sunday, 10:30am
- 4/19/09 – Houlihan’s, Sunday, 10:30am
- 5/14/09 – Flying J – Toledo – Thursday, 6:30pm