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**December 14, 2008 - PHRF-LE MEETING MINUTES – Houlihan’s, Westlake, Ohio**

**Attendance:** Doug Howe, John Glanville, Dick Synowiec, Joe Roetter, Colin Mills, George Raynor, Dick Frazier, Matt Kern, Chris Merkle, Roger Pollack

**Administrative** – Minutes approved from the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

**New Applications**

**Base**

**Modifications**

**Base Rating**  
**Old**      **New**

**Appeals**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fall Ratings below 100 Review – assignments made; start discussions at January meeting 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.

Merkle – S2 9.1 at LSYC – Oversized Pole and rule regarding attaching spinnaker pole to mast. The class rules should state that the inboard end of the pole must be attached to the mast in its measured position. Glanville to suggest wording for rules revision.

Code 0 spinnakers in general – Question is whether PHRF-LE allows code 0 or penalizes them and to define them. Continued  
Sailmakers and owners define them differently.

Follow IMS/ORC parameters – 2008 SMG ≥65% of the foot AND SMG < 75% of the foot.

Discussion points: Very limited use, allows boat to go to weather with a spinnaker, gives advantage upwind to boats with short J and Non-overlapping sails, if class allows it (one-design) do we rate appropriately remembering these boats are not racing one-design

Matt will invite Quantum to speak at the 1/18/09 meeting.

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

Code 0 spinnakers, specifically J160, Melges 32, Hunter 34 SD Continued

**New Business**

The committee discussed a letter from Bill Braun to reconsider allowing furling credit for high-tech sails newer than 4 years. The committee will not make any changes to the roller furling credit and will maintain its current position.

The budget for 2009 was reviewed and approved.

Elections for Officers, Area Handicappers and Measurers for 2009 were held and confirmed:

2009 Officers:  
Doug Howe -Chairman  
Chris Merkle-Vice Chairman  
Matt Kern - Treasurer  
Judy Kellner – Secretary

2009 Area Handicappers:  
Dick Frazier/North Cape  
Chuck Cable/Sandusky  
Dick Synowiec/Ford Yacht Club  
John Glanville/Monroe  
Chris Merkle/Lorain  
Matt Kern/Jolly Roger  
Joe Roetter/Buffalo Harbor  
Colin Mills/Grand River  
George Raynor/Chagrin Lagoons  
Bill Kellner/Sandusky

2009 Measurers:  
David Lengyel/Ashtabula  
Roger Pollack/Grosse Ile

Review new ratings for 2008 – Discussion continued; still a few outstanding items.

Judy to research why Sov 33 is NOT a one-design and allows larger pole without penalty

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