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February 18, 2018 - PHRF-LE MEETING MINUTES - Houlihan's, Westlake, OH,

Attendance: Kellner, Merkle, Synowiec, Raynor, Ryan, Kulwicki, Barry, Burris, Schiavoni, Ruckstuhl, Glanville, Daley. Quorum was present and 10 out of 11 voting members were present.

Administrative – Meeting was called to order at 10:30am with a quorum present. Minutes were reviewed and approved with changes to the January meeting. A discussion about the rule change relative to headstay tacks brought up further discussion. Originally, the rule was changed in 2016 because a C&C 35-3 owner requested the committee to look it because the headstay on a C&C 35 sits back from the bow by about 12". The rule was supposed to be changed as follows: The asymmetrical spinnaker tack must be attached to a tack point (or is attached to a tack line that is led to a tackpoint) that is no more than 12 inches forward of the headstay on, or as near as possible to, the centerline of the hull. There is no restriction on the length of the tack line, but it is strictly prohibited to divert the tack line by any means such as, but not limited to, through or around an afterguy, pulpit, cleats, Turks head, bow chock or other outrigger before it reaches the spinnaker tack block. However, the rule never made it to the 2016 version and then consequently didn't make it to the 2017 version. A technical committee of Dick Synowiec, Dave Ryan, and Sandy Burris will review this change and make a presentation at the March meeting.

<u>NEW RATINGS</u> <u>Base Rating</u>

Turner Yachts 56 Bill Tripp Design – Coleman/Erie Yacht Club - Tabled until sail measurements are received.

APPEALS

MODIFICATIONS

SR Max 21 Turbo – 147; the modifications involve a new ISP that is 69" above the old ISP and 74" above the headstay, using a square top main which calculated to mid-girth penalties for all 4 measurements along with an area penalty, putting a set of Melges 20 sails on the boat. The committee discussed the various penalties with the oversized sails in the standard configures. The committee felt the penalty of -24 (-12 for the main, - 15 for spin and +3 for non-overlapping jib) was too punitive. The spinnaker with the increased ISP is no longer oversized. Taking into consideration for the increased ISP, the final adjustment to the rating was -9 from the current rating. The rating for 2018 will be 147 and will be reviewed at the end of the season during the New and Changed Rating Review.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 1/31/18 is \$14,295.26; check register through 1/31/18. YTD through 1/31/18 were provided to the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Rating Range Review 100-149 – Review concluded before renewal notices sent. Rating changes for 2018: Jeanneau 36i SD now 150; Olson 30 OB now 99; Dehler 34 now 132.

- New and Changed Ratings Review Review concluded before renewal notices sent. Rating changes for 2018: Farr 47 CUS now -15.
- Split J109 rating to PHRF and Class ratings Tabled; provide summary from survey of J109 owners-Tabled

	PHRF Sails; Class main meets PHRF mid-girth restrictions, up to 155% headsail, roller furling,
69	any number of spinnakers, must meet PHRF measurement rules, including code zero penalty
72	Class sails only; class main, 105% on furler, no RF credit, 108 sq meter spinnaker

J109 – class main class spinnaker, 108 sq meters and 155% will be 69. Spinnakers limited to 2 same size 110 Sq meters. Any additional spinnaker other than the 2 class spinnakers would incur 3 second penalty. Any larger spinnakers would incur penalty based on the % larger in calculation. Above deck Roller furling is in class sails configuration.

CLASS RULES CHANGES

- Class Rules outboards must be on transom and ready to deploy; several areas are reporting that outboards are not being carried on the boat during racing. The committee discussed changing the rule but it was decided to not make any changes at this time but to remind members of Section 15.3 of the PHRF -LE Class Rules.
- Discussed main mid-girth penalties for new sails where all mid-girths are oversized. No change to mid-girth penalties.

NEW BUSINESS

- Renewal notices will be emailed or mailed as appropriate by March 1.
- Update on US Sailing meeting Bill Kellner reported on the Offshore and National PHRF meetings as well as the breakout sessions on Mystifying the Rating Rules, Discipline and Rule 69, Dave Perry's Favorite World Sailing Cases and US Sailing Appeals.
- J ILYA Yearbook Advertisement-Committee voted that the PHRF LE position is that the organization will not monetarily support any event that does not specify PHRF-LE Rules and Ratings.
- Discussion on new website and online certificate renewal similar to New England, Chesapeake; www.phrfne.org/- Discussion will continue with probable implementation for next year.

484 members for 2017; 499 members 2016; 514 members for 2015; 521 members 2014; 533 members 2013; 574 members in 2012; 604 members in 2011; 605 members 2010; 616 members 2009; 619 members 2008; 629 members 2007; 644 members 2006; 668 Members 2005

Next Meetings: Sunday, March 25, 2018, Houlihan's 10:30am Sunday, April 22, 2018, Lakeside 10:30am

Sunday, May ____, 2018-TBD