



## UPDATED 1/1/2025 - PHRF-LE 2006 ROLLER FURLING CREDITS EXPLANATIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The 2006 PHRF-LE RF Credit requirements were developed as a response to the membership's concerns regarding the previous RF credit requirements. It was the consensus opinion of the PHRF-LE committee that PHRF-LE return to the original intent of the RF cruising credits. That intent is to give an incentive for true cruising boats to come out and race. It was never the intent of the committee to rate individual types of sails or to give an advantage to boats that race consistently and/or have racing sails. It was also felt that we should still give a small credit to boats that previously took the credit but who do not qualify under the new rules. All boats who fill out the 2006 RF-Credit application and which qualify for the credits will receive the appropriate sail labels for their sails/sails. The label **MUST** be displayed on the sail when racing or the boat is in violation of their certificate. The 2006 rules are as follows:



***RF Credit- Class 3 +6 sec/mi*** - Limited to 1 headsail\* constructed of woven Dacron or other polyester fibers with a minimum 4oz woven UV cover on the leech and foot of the sail.



***RF Credit- Class 2 +3 sec/mi*** - Boat is limited to using 2 headsails\*; the 2<sup>nd</sup> sail must be 110% or less. Permitted materials are mylar, polyester, Pentex, or Dacron. Laminated or woven sails constructed of any other material do not qualify. Excluded materials include but are not limited to fibers such as Vectran, Kevlar, Twaron, Spectra, Carbon, Cuben, and Technora

## **2006 RF Credit Frequently Asked Questions (Updated 1/1/2025)**

- 1. I received a notice from the PHRF office stating that there is missing information and that they are holding my renewal, I had credits last year- what gives?**  
*Since the rule has changed in 2006 additional information is needed to assign the proper credit and for future reference by the PHRF-LE committee. The renewal form has an application which **MUST** be filled out. If the sail has been measured in the past as a legal PHRF-LE RF sail state it on the form. Additional information **MUST** be included like sail material, year built etc. Also 110% sails were not measured in the past. If you decide to use a second 110% sail or less you must have that sail measured and the requisite form filled out.*
- 2. I have and use 2 headsails both 155%, can I still get a credit?**  
*No, and you can not switch between the 2 sails during the season. If you damage your qualified headsail, notify the PHRF office and we will issue a label for your new or replacement sail when the office receives a new measurement form. E-mail is [info@phrf-le.org](mailto:info@phrf-le.org)*
- 3. I just bought new sails in March 2006, they are carbon. I had a RF credit last year can I get the 3 sec/mi credit this year?**  
*No, no credits for RF sails manufactured after 1-1-2006 that are made of material other than Dacron (Polyester), Mylar, and Pentex.*
- 4. I didn't get a credit last year can I get one in 2006.**  
*If your sails are eligible for a Class I or Class II RF credit, you can apply for a RF credit. No Class III credits will be issued for boats that did not have a RF credit in 2005*
- 5. I have 1 RF sail with a leech cover. The leech cover is Tedlar. Do I qualify for the 9 second/mi credit?**  
*The leech cover must be a sacrificial fabric of a weigh of 4oz or greater. Tedlar is a coating.*
- 6. Where do I find out who is getting the RF credits?**  
*The PHRF-LE.org website will have an updated list. The first listing will be posted on or about May 1<sup>st</sup>. Subsequent updates will be made monthly.*
- 7. I have read all of this and I am still confused.**  
*Contact your area handicapper or e-mail the PHRF-LE office at [phrfle@gmail.com](mailto:phrfle@gmail.com) for more information.*

## PHRF-LE

The PHRF-LE committee will be revising the cruising credits in reference to the roller furling rules. The proposed credits for roller furling are as follows:

### *GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:*

1. The foot roach requirement of 2% of LP was removed effective 1/1/2025.
2. The bottom of the roller furling drum must be above deck and it must be able to furl all qualified headsails in a normal manner
3. Qualified roller furling sails must be in the luff groove for the full luff of the sail, attached to a swivel at the head of the sail and to the drum swivel at the tack.
4. No battens of any kind are allowed in qualified roller furling headsails.
5. For Class 1 and 2, sail changes from one qualified RF sail to a second qualified RF sail are allowed during the race provided that the new sail is also attached in the manner stated in point 3.
6. Qualified RF sails must exhibit the appropriate PHRF-LE RF label in the area of the tack. The labels will be mailed from PHRF -LE upon completion of CRUISING CREDIT application and approval from PHRF-LE. A sail without a label is not a legal sail.
7. Roller furling credits for boats designed as cutters will be addressed by the committee on an individual basis.
8. Once you receive your credits, you must race with the qualified RF configuration. Notification and acknowledgement to the PHRF-LE committee is required for all changes. Switching back to a non-RF configuration is allowed only once during the season with no return to RF credits allowed for the rest of the season.
9. *Violation of the RF cruising credit rules is a serious offense. Upon sustained protest, violators will be disqualified from the race and/or series in which the violation occurs. Additionally, the PHRF-LE committee may revoke future cruising credits and review the protest for further disciplinary action by PHRF-LE.*

### *CREDITS:*

#### **RF Credit- Class 1 +3 sec/mi**

Credit is available only to boats that previously had PHRF-LE qualified RF headsails in 2004 and 2005. Boat is limited to using 2 headsails\*; the 2<sup>nd</sup> sail must be 110% or less. No limitations on sail materials. Sails must have been manufactured before 1-1-2006.

#### **RF Credit- Class 2 +6 sec/mi**

Boat is limited to using 2 headsails\*; the 2<sup>nd</sup> sail must be 110% or less. Permitted materials are mylar, polyester, Pentex, or Dacron. Laminated or woven sails constructed of any other material do not qualify. Excluded materials include but are not limited to fibers such as Vectran, Kevlar, Twaron, Spectra, Carbon, Cuben, and Technora.

#### **RF Credit- Class 3 +9 sec/mi**

Limited to 1 headsail\* constructed of woven Dacron or other polyester fibers with a minimum 4oz fabric UV cover on the leech and foot of the sail.

\*Not including storm jibs as defined in (ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 4.26).