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December 17, 2024 – Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Ryan, Raynor, Burris, Daley, Schiavoni, Andrews, Earhart, Elkin, Ficcardi, Ruckstuhl, Glass, Blackburn. Guests: Scott Filson and Andrew Devenish. Quorum was present; Change to 11 voting members with Dan Sadoski resignation. 9 of 11 voting members were present.

Administrative – Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Minutes from the November 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made for approval from George Raynor and a second from Rob Daley, with a unanimous vote to follow. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

APPEALS

Catalina 38 Deep Draft – John Ostrander/North Cape; New Member 2024 —Current Rating JAM 128; Asking JAM 148 (PHRF is 117) – Rating did not change but due to Rule Change of 14.7.3.1.1, roller furling sail will now qualify for the 6 second roller furling credit.

MODIFICATIONS

C&C 34/36 XL (Lorain) – add-on sprit; 3.5' sprit is 23% larger than J; 11% larger than allowed 12%; certificate issued without a penalty. The 34/36 XL description issue raised by owner was covered in the November meeting and committee said to leave LE descriptions in database as is. The 3.5' add-on sprit will not affect the performance of the boat as the boat is now limited to asymmetrical sail only per Rule 11.6.2.5.

NEW RATINGS

J-45 – Spaceman Spiff – Ruhlman-Lakeside; Temporary Rating Base 6 was confirmed. Vote was unanimous

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 12/12/24 \$13,019.30. Present projected year end financials. Expenses were less than Income by \$645.75. Present and approve the 2025 budget with no change to membership dues for 2025 with expenses less than income based on 410 members of 326.49. Final 2024 Financial Statement will be presented at January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ILYA Fall Meeting will be held at Doubletree, Westlake, Ohio – December 6-7, 2024 – Sail Committee (Regatta, PHRF, etc.) 1:00p-3:00p/Conf. Room Level 3rd FL (See attached report).

2nd Reading-Rule Change 14.7.3.1.1 - Remove 14.7.3.1.1 - foot roach requirement of 2% of LP. 1st-Elkin, 2nd Raynor; with a unanimous vote to follow

Reminder: Need Club Profiles for newsletter

Reminder: Committee submissions for newsletter

PHRF-LE/South Shore Merger – Working closer with SS to equalize ratings between the two organizations.

Sail Numbers US Sailing –(See attachment)

Jib Measurement form (how to measure mid-girth); USSailing is working on providing PHRF regions a version of the UMS sail measurement form that sailmakers use. - Tabled

Discuss Alternative Asymmetrical Spinnaker Calculation – adopt the Midwest calculation that does not use the square root. Using all default values, the Spinnaker S.A. = $\text{SQRT}(\text{ISP}^2 + \text{TPS}^2) \times \text{TPS} \times 1.425$ -Tabled

Rating Range Review for Next Fall - 100 to 135 (96) – Send out early for review by committee before the January meeting. Spend ½ hour each meeting and make assignments on ratings that stand out. One suggestion was to give 3 to 6 seconds to older designs that cannot compete with the newer designs.

New Ratings Review – Tabled; send out early for review by committee before January meeting.

Continue discussion in the following months on philosophical overall concepts and how to deal with some of the bigger questions such as Asym conversions, Asym kite formula, etc.

Clean up database -- Antrim/Ultimate 27 – delete PHRF designation at 84; remove ODR designation and leave at 87. -3 for oversized OD main = 84 (or we can just start at 84 and allow a class or PHRF sized main at no penalty or credit); -3 for carbon mast = 81. PHRF sized kite is OK no penalty or credit for small kite. PHRF spinn is larger than class spinn. So he would end up at 81. - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Attendance Report: slate of officers presented and area handicappers and measurers appointed for 2025

Chairman, Chief Handicapper: Dave Ryan

Vice Chairman: George Raynor

Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Kellner*

Handicappers:

Buffalo At Large: Rob Daley

Buffalo At Large/Canoe Club: Paul Schiavoni

Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club: George Raynor

Lakeside Yacht Club: Sandy Burris

Monroe Boat Club: Dan Sadoski

Port Clinton Yacht Club: John Earhart

Sandusky Sailing Club: Cliff Ruckstuhl

Western Lake Erie At Large: Drew Blackburn

Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club: Nori Glass

Catawba Island: Dave Ryan

Erie Yacht Club: AJ Ficcardi

Lorain: Chris Merkle

North Cape Yacht Club: Tim Andrews

Port Dover Yacht Club (CAN): Andy Elkin

Technical Advisor/Historian: Bill Kellner*

Measurers:

Buffalo Yacht Club: Jim Kulwicki*

*Non-Voting Members

Next Meeting: January 23, 2025 – ZOOM – 7:00PM

413 members for 2023; 416 members 2022; 429 members 2021; 382 members 2020 (Covid); 438 members for 2019; 447 members for 2018 (South Shore had 52 of our previous members), 484 members for 2017; 498 members for 2016; 514 members for 2015; 521 members 2014; 533 members 2013; 574 members in 2012;

ILYA Fall Meeting Report - Doubletree, Westlake, Ohio – December 6-7, 2024

Good afternoon .

Thank you Chairman Pribe, Commodore Vanderford and the Bridge, Board and Trustees of I-LYA and of course all of you sailors that make our sport work.

Please take a moment during this weekend to remember Past Commodore Mike Barry, past commodore of both Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club and the Buffalo Yacht Club. Mike was very successful with his J/111 “Vinyasa” in the Buffalo area and beyond. He was a long time PHRF-LE committee member and every racing sailor here was impacted in a positive way through his thoughtful, professional approach. If you would like to remember him, the family asks that a donation be made to the Buffalo Yacht Club foundation that focuses on teaching young people boating skills. His daughter Caitlyn is a graduate of the program and today serves as a coach there. Mike was one of those people who really enjoyed sharing his time and guidance with others and all sailors on Lake Erie are going to miss Mike a lot.

PHRF-LE is currently in pretty good shape. Our membership in the covid year of 2020 was 382, and rebounded the next year to 429, and last year we issued 413 certificates and this year we issued 409 certificates, down just 4. We are budgeting 420 members for next year, 2025.

Over the summer we worked with owners on 3 modified boats plus 6 new boats never rated on lake Erie before, ranging from a J/24 to a J/45 and a modified Farr 40. PHRF-LE consulted with South Shore on several of them.

We have a little less than our target of 1-year of operating funds on hand, and last year we ran about a \$500 deficit mainly due to our support of regatta’s across the West, Central and Eastern portions of the lake, but we think that is worthwhile. We are not increasing the cost of a certificate.

This summer was a big one for sailors. The Mac race had its 100th year and Lake Erie sailors were well represented in all divisions. On Lake Erie, the 100th Mills Race was spectacular....lets give a hand to Ron and Kaye Soka. The Mills Race is run under the PHRF handicapping system, and also offers ORC scoring for those yachts wishing to be dual-scored. There were 177 scores recorded, with 28 scored using ORC. The overall winner was Mike Deye’s Hobie 33 “Menace”, beating Trey Sheehan’s TP52 Hooligan by 2m 51s corrected PHRF time.

Bay Week raced its 131st race this summer. In the central basin, the Edgewater Yacht Club is hosting Cleveland Race Week as well as the J/105 national championships, and to the East was the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise, which traces its origins to 1907 when Erie Yacht Club raced to Port Dover Canada.

There was a lot of racing this summer, and all the clubs and organizers are working to make next summer just as enjoyable.

We understand the majority of racing in the US is done under PHRF system, and I am frequently talking with other regions to address mutually significant issues in order to allow a better experience for you on the water. We are in contact with Tom Barnes of Midwest Lake Michigan PHRF, Bill Museler of Narragansett Bay, and of course Tim Yanda here.

Some PHRF-LE changes for next year:

- Eliminating the 2% maximum Foot Roach requirement for roller furling sails.
- An Asymmetrical Spinnaker formula adjustment was implemented this summer to avoid penalties for the current sailmakers designs for A2's (runners) and that seemed to work out pretty well.

Thank you again, and we'll see you on the water next spring.



US Sailing Sail Number Policy

Thank you for your interest in a US Sailing issued sail number. It is US Sailing's policy to issue sail numbers in sequence. Sail numbers come in two categories:

- **Standard**-next sequential 5 digit number eg. 62323, 62324, 62325 etc...
- **High Profile**-1, 2, 3, or 4 digit numbers based on availability

It is important to note that *with the exception of 1, 2, & 3 digit sail numbers*, an assigned sail number transfers with the boat when it is sold. 1, 2, & 3 digit sail numbers are relinquished to US Sailing when ownership of a boat changes or when the boat has not participated in a race within the past 10 years.

The next available five-digit sail number the cost of this sail number \$150 for US Sailing Members.

Anything other than the next available number is considered a VIP number and an opportunity for you to help fund one of US Sailing's programs. Below are some examples of these numbers and their price points:

For five-digit numbers that do not contain any of the following combinations listed below, the cost is \$300 (\$150 of which would be considered a charitable gift and tax deductible to the extent of the law.)

For five-digit numbers that contain any of the following, the cost is \$1,000 (\$850 of which would be considered a charitable gift and tax deductible to the extent of the law.):

- 3 Adjacent identical numbers
- 3 Middle zeros

For five-digit numbers that contain any of the following, the cost is \$1,500 (\$1,350 of which would be considered a charitable gift and tax deductible to the extent of the law.):

- A palindrome (such as 12321)
- 4 Adjacent identical numbers
- 3 Trailing numbers

Smaller digit numbers have starting prices as follows:

Four-Digit - \$3,500 (\$3,350 of which would be considered a charitable gift and tax deductible to the extent of the law)

Three-digit - \$5,000 (\$4,850 of which would be considered a charitable gift and tax deductible to the extent of the law)

Two- and one-digit numbers are fairly expensive

If you are interested in any of these VIP sail numbers, please call 401-342-7953, or email us at offshore@ussailing.org .