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February 13, 2025 – Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Ryan, Raynor, Burris, Schiavoni, Daley, Andrews, Earhart, Ruckstuhl, Glass, Filson, Bill Kellner as Historian/Emeritus, and Judy Kellner, Secretary/Treasurer. Quorum was present; 8 of 12 voting members were present.

Administrative – Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Minutes from the January 23, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made for approval from Sandy Burris and a second from George Raynor, with a unanimous vote to follow. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

APPEALS

MODIFICATIONS

NEW RATINGS

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers Report focused on the financial status of the organization, with a discussion that the balance at 2/10/2025 was \$11,047.52 and the implementation of credit card payments to ease transactions with Canadian members. A year-end financial statement was presented showing a surplus of \$650, mainly due to fewer monthly meetings. The budget for the upcoming year was also discussed, with a projected surplus of \$325. The idea of implementing credit card payments was well-received. Judy will research considering Square as the potential platform. 5 members 2025 vs 0 same time last year.

OLD BUSINESS

New Ratings Review - discussion and make further assignments where necessary.

Rating Range Review - 100 to 135 (96) – Discussions continued. 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.

Jib Measurement form (how to measure mid-girth); Review changes made by Scott Filson to the US Sailing UMS measurement form. The form allows users to input sail dimensions and automatically draws the sail shape. It includes tabs for main sail, head sail, and spinnaker measurements. The committee suggests adding fields for measurer name/date, sail material, and sail area calculations. Discussed integrating it with Judy's rating calculator spreadsheet, but decided against providing instant ratings during measurements. While some prefer paper forms, the electronic version could streamline data entry. The committee will continue refining the form for potential use by measurers.

NEW BUSINESS

Class Rules and Penalty Discussion

The committee decided to remove references to MORC from the rules, as it no longer operates. They also debated whether to use IMS or ORR as the reference rule, with the consensus leaning towards ORR. Judy agreed to research and clean up the rules further in order to publish earlier than usual.

David presented a new conversion table from South Shore for boats switching to asymmetrical spinnakers. A discussion revolved around sailboat spinnaker sizes and their impact on racing performance. David thought the current system of evaluating individual requests for spinnaker size adjustments could be improved, suggesting a standardized approach. The team discussed a proposed rule that would allow for larger asymmetrical spinnakers, with varying penalties based on the size difference from the symmetrical spinnaker. The rule was seen as generous by some, but others questioned its accuracy and fairness. The team also discussed the potential for using ORC (Offshore Racing Congress) calculations to determine the impact of spinnaker size on boat performance. The conversation ended with the consensus that a standardized rule would be beneficial, but it would require careful consideration and input from the sailing community.

David will form a subcommittee to develop recommendations for spinnaker size and hoist penalties and will include a potential "old boat" rating credits.

David also discussed that the Mackinac Race will use the ORC weather rating system.

Reminder: Committee submissions for newsletter

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Next Meeting: Sunday, March 23, 2025 – In Person at Houlihan's
Lakeside is not open until April. Easter is April 20th.

409 members in 2024; 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