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## Thursday, January 15, 2026 – Zoom Call

**Attendance:** Ryan, Raynor, Schiavoni, Daley, Andrews, Earhart, Blackburn, Glass, Mueller, Filson, Klock, Judy Kellner. Quorum was present; 5 of 10 voting members were present.

**Administrative** – Meeting was called to order at 7:00p. Minutes from the December 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by John Earhart and a second by Drew Blackburn. Jennifer Klock was introduced as the new measurer at Buffalo Yacht Club replacing Jim Kulwicki. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

### APPEALS

#### MODIFICATIONS

Csaki/Ford Yacht Club – Kelt 8.5 Custom – Changes to sugar scoop. Existing scoop has delaminated and while he's fixing that he will extend 8" to 10" and at the waterline/centerline 4" to 5" and that is above the waterline at rest. It does not seem a lot and will not generate 3 seconds of new speed. I do know from my C&C that has stern overhang that it does submerge while underway and become 5" of additional waterline. After calculating the potential speed increase (0.07 knots) and considering the minimal impact on hull speed, the committee voted unanimously to not change the current Base rating. Obtain pictures after completion of the project.

### NEW RATINGS

#### TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 1/11/2026 \$11,623.54. No extraordinary expenses are expected. We will continue to hold the payment to US Sailing. Dave will write letter to US Sailing regarding the payment and the support that US Sailing is providing the PHRF organizations across the country.

### NEW BUSINESS

Scott mentioned a proposed sail measurement event using school gym. He will send details.

New Ratings Review

Rating Range Review – 136 to 171 – Continue review and discussion.

### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion continued about the performance differences between older and newer sailboats, particularly focusing on asymmetrical sails and sprit boats.

The Committee also discussed how to fairly adjust ratings for boats that convert from symmetric to asymmetric spinnakers. Dave to compile and send out examples of other Region's approaches to asymmetrical spinnaker rating adjustment, specifically Midwest and Narragansett Bay have developed methods that could be useful. Scott to put together and send out a flow chart/straw man proposal for asymmetrical spinnaker rating adjustments

North Cape is using new app called Rail Meets for registration and scoring. The program has a way to import Midwest certificates. NCYC would like PHRF-LE to provide the same service requiring API integration and get a JSON formatted response back, i.e., the LE certificate and/or ratings.. Another option is whether we can send a PDF with all certificates in it and they can pull from that? Other options to consider is using our database table or an excel spreadsheet. Craig is working on setting up a group meeting. Scott and Craig will also have an offline discussion about Rail Meets usage and experience.

Reminder: Committee submissions for newsletter

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**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 19, 2026 – Zoom Call – 7:00pm  
March 22, 2026 - Houlihan's – 10:30am  
April 12, 2026 - trying Lakeside for 4/12 or 4/19.

386 members in 2025; 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