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Thursday, December 18, 2025 – Zoom Call

Attendance: Ryan, Merkle, Raynor, Burris, Schiavoni, Daley, Andrews, Earhart, Ficcardi, Blackburn, Glass, Mueller, Judy Kellner. Guest: Matt Kern and Drew Hisey Discover/J33. New members: Andrew Devenish, Craig Mueller, Devenish, Judy Kellner. Quorum was present; 7 of 10 voting members were present.

Administrative – Meeting was called to order at 7:00p. Minutes from the November 16, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Rob Daley with a second by AJ Ficcardi. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

APPEALS

MODIFICATIONS

NEW RATINGS

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 12/12/25 \$12,605.54. The 2026 Budget was presented which is showing about a \$600 deficit for 2026. The budget is pretty skinny with the minimum of expenses. I reduced income to show only 390 members for 2026. US Sailing is not doing much for PHRF in general. We will hold off paying the dues until Dave talks to the current president. With the current balance we will be good but may have to consider raising dues in the next couple of years. The budget was approved with a motion and second from Sandy Burris and John Earhart.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued discussion on options to equalize ratings of older style boats to newer design sprit boats. It was suggested that we filter by design year, but the database does not have that field. Judy provided a list from the database whereby the SPL/TPS is > J as a starting point. Sandy's son is working on a program that will provide us with information on classes that need help. It came up during the discussion that new sails are not being reported. How can we resolved that?

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? Craig Mueller will follow up on this and check with Rail Meets to see if our Access database can be used

Reminder: Committee submissions for newsletter

Reminder: Need Club Profiles for newsletter

NEW BUSINESS

ILYA Fall Meeting -- December 5 - 6, 2025, Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174 734-729-2600. See attached report.

Attendance Report: slate of officers was presented and approved with a motion and second from Chris Merkle and Nori Glass of the area handicappers and measurers appointed for 2026

Chairman, Chief Handicapper: Dave Ryan

Vice Chairman: Sandy Burris

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

North Cape Yacht Club: Tim Andrews

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

Port Clinton Yacht Club: John Earhart

Technical Advisor/Historian: Bill Kellner*

***Measurers:**

Western Lake Erie At Large: Craig Mueller

Grand River Sailing Club: Scott Filson

Port Dover Yacht Club (CAN): Mark Squizzato

Buffalo Yacht Club: Jim Kulwicki*

Grosse Isle Yacht Club: John Gialanella

Monroe Boat Club: Andrew Devenish

***Non-Voting Members**

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 15, 2026 - Zoom Call - 7:00pm

Thursday, February 19, 2026 – Zoom Call – 7:00pm

March – TBD

April 12, 2026 - Lakeside

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

I-LYA Fall Meeting Dec 6, 2025
PHRF-LE and SS Remarks
David Ryan – PHRF-LE
Tim Yanda – South Shore

PHRF Report:

South Shore reports approx. 60 members and PHRF-LE is just under 400 members. There has been a slight decrease in certificate numbers each year for the past (4) years.

Evolving boat designs and materials make ratings challenging. Performance is no longer linear with boat designs such as the Cape 31 and planning hulls like the VX and J-80.

Buffalo area has the most racing certificates in Lake Erie and uses Time of Time scoring. Time on Distance is prevalent in other areas of Lake Erie.

Race Organizers: Your race documents should specify what Rule the event is held under as there are some differences in the rules. For example, Mills Race is held under PHRF-LE Rules and Cleveland Sailing Week is held under South Shore Rules.

ORC issued 1,200 certificates throughout the entire United States in 2025. ORC is administered by USSailing. Charlie Enright is the new president.

LE will have no increase in certificate fees for 2026 while projecting a slight deficit. Renewals will be sent out by mid-March 2026.

New PHRF-LE Committee members and Handicappers announced by PHRF-LE:

West End At-Large: Drew Blackburn

West End At-Large: Craig Mueller

Grand River Sail Club: Scott Filson

Monroe Boat Club: Andrew Devenish

PHRF-LE and SS are willing to make presentations at Yacht Clubs throughout the winter.

“Intersectional” News:

I-LYA Sailor of the Year Nominations:

Tim Profit nominated by Mike Fishbaugh

Brad D’Arcangelo nominated by David Ryan

Bryan Huntley nominated by Chris Merkel

Bill Pribe nominated by Duane Burgoyne

Abbey McGlocklin nominated by Chip Schaffner.

I-LYA Sailor of the Year winner is Bill Pribe of North Cape Yacht Club.

I-LYA Bayweek Regatta 2026:

NOR for Senior Sail will come out after Christmas.

Bayweek is looking for a Marketing Manager.

There will be a survey regarding the 3-year outlook: Weekend or Weekday racing? The committee is looking for good data and will send to boats participating through 10 years of Yachtscore entries. Survey open to boat owners, crews, potential new people.

Calendar is set for the next 3 years. Next opportunity to change is 2028.

Cruising fleet has a half-hour window for starting. Cruising rules are being developed potentially to include Dacron Sails, no PHRF certificate, no Weeknight racing participation, all JAM events.