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Thursday, February 19, 2026 – Zoom Call

Attendance: Ryan, Raynor, Burris, Schiavoni, Daley, Andrews, Earhart, Blackburn, Glass, Mueller, Devenish, Klock, Judy Kellner. Quorum was present; 6 of 10 voting members were present.

Administrative – Meeting was called to order at 7:00p. Minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Sandy Burris and a second by George Raynor. Jennifer Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

APPEALS

Melges 24 – Appeal from 3rd party regarding the PHRF-LE rating – moved to the March meeting.

MODIFICATIONS

NEW RATINGS

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance at 2/14/2026 \$10,681.60. No extraordinary expenses are expected. Discussed changing the dues for Canadian members. Paul Schiavoni proposed changing to \$50 Cdn (approx. \$35 US) when paying by check. George Raynor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Dave will write letter to US Sailing regarding the payment and the support that US Sailing is providing the PHRF organizations across the country. OK to pay the US sailing dues payment. Renewals will go out approximately March 1st. 2 paid members so far. Budget is 390.

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

New Ratings Review – completed review; no changes. New ratings are reviewed for 3 years.

Rating Range Review – 136 to 171 – completed review. C&C 34 was given a +3 change. Base rating is now 147. Includes the CB model, now 159.

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

Reminder: Need Club Profiles for newsletter

Next Meeting: March 22, 2026 - Houlihan's – 10:30am
 April 12, 2026 – Lakeside Yacht Club

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