

Lake Champlain PHRF Committee

Meeting Agenda/Notes — April 25, 2023

1) ROLL CALL

- Attendance

Tristram Coffin, Bob Turnau, Mark Gardner, Mark Damico, Benedek Erdos, Marc Turcotte

- PHRF 2023 Roster — Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Members

Tristram had to leave the meeting so the nomination/election of the committee officials will be done via email. Marc Turcotte was assigned to send out the ballot for the selection of the committee chair, vice chair and secretary.

- Contact Information

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2) PHRF Database

- Current contents manage in the MBBC club database

We agreed to keep the current database system in place.

- Restricted write authority — Mark Gardener owner/programmer

Mark stated that it is MBBC's database however he is the gatekeeper. Mark explained how the database is backed up periodically. Mark also does periodic backups that he keeps. The committee decided that this system is adequate.

- PHRF secretary — Marc Turcotte has limited write authority for new/modifications to database

No changes deemed necessary.

- LCYC manages an independent PHRF database

Mark Gardner pointed out that maintaining multiple independent databases is problematic. The committee decided that the MBBC database will serve as the official repository of the Lake Champlain PHRF ratings.

- **Active and Non-Active Boats**

For historical purposes the committee decided to keep the database intact with boats that are actively participating in races as well as those that are no longer active. Several members pointing out that the history is useful if/when boat types that are inactive wish to participate in racing. The committee decided that a new field could be added to the database. The flag would indicate whether or not a boat is active. A filter could be assigned to the database with an option to list either the active, non-active or all boats. At present Mark Gardner would be the author of this modification. The assignment of the current status for each boat would be a somewhat lengthy task initially.

- **Additional Database Discussions and Comments**

A suggestion was made to include the club membership for each boat. A filter could be added to the database list options. This was merely a suggestion at this point.

3) PHRF rating requests to date for 2023

- **POP TARTE — New boat, unique ballast feature, ...**

The committee voted to accept a provisional rating of 69 for the JPK1030 POP TARTE. This was based on an IRC rating conversion formula presented by Mark Gardener. This boat is equipped with the option to use either a symmetrical or asymmetrical spinnaker. The skipper must decide which type of spinnaker it wishes to use and is required to compete with that spinnaker type for the remainder of the season. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification for the race(s) where the other spinnaker type was used.

- **TRIMARAN — Provisional rating applied, allowed to compete in monohull fleets?, Mayor's Cup has a multihull class**

The committee decided that the trimaran would be allowed to compete with its current provisional rating. However the boat will be classified as a multihull and will be scored in the multihull class. The race PRO will be required to inform the multihull which start is appropriate.

- **Modified ETCHELLS 22 ZORAIDA PHRF Rating Change Request**

Mark Gardener has raised the spinnaker halyard on ZORAIDA by 20%. Per PHRF rules a -3 second penalty is applied for each 10% increase from the standard configuration. The committee agreed to change the rating for ZORAIDA from 120 ODR to 114.

- SEASCAPE 24 — Different Sail Profile WRT GRAVITY WAVE

Mark Damico has requested a PHRF rating for his SEASCAPE 24. Mark pointed out that his boat differs from GRAVITY WAVE which is currently rated at 120. Mark's boat is heavier, (1000Kg versus 960Kg, 88 lbs), and has approximately 23% less sail area. A provisional rating of 138 has been agreed to by the committee. Mark mentioned that GRAVITY WAVE has not been competitive with it's current rating and that a PHRF rating change request is pending from Will Nye for GRAVITY WAVE.

- TARTAN 10 — New PHRF Application

A new PHRF application has been received for a TARTAN. There was very little discussion regarding this boats rating. There is an existing TARTAN 10 in the database, (TROLL), which has a rating of 126. I believed that the committee agreed to apply the same rating to this new request.

4) Other

Benedek pointed out that previously we had rated boats via email voting as described in the PHRF bylaws. The committee agreed that all PHRF rating requests for the remainder of this season will be done via email.