

**PHRF of BC**  
**FALL 2022 HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Saturday October 22, 1500 hrs  
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance:**

John Windas (Chair)	Rod Martin
Jason Davies	Warren White
Graham Heath	Douglas Woolcock

**ITEM 1: Acceptance of minutes of Spring 2022 meeting.**

**Motion:** Minutes of Spring 2022 meeting be approved as read.

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 2: Retirements from the Committee.**

Retirees from the Handicappers Committee. We thank them for their contributions to our sport:

- Trevor Salmon (DCYC)
- Katy Campbell (EHYC)
- Jason Vandergaag (VRC), but retaining position representing RVanYC

**ITEM 3: Review of new classes (T Ratings).**

**Motion:** The new classes base boat rating assignments be accepted as read except the following to remain as T ratings (Tentative ratings) and to be reviewed at next meetings:

Xyac X4.3 "Xiomara", base 42, as sailed 54, Glenmore SC  
Saga 43 "Monashee II", base 81, as sailed 72, Kootenay Lake SC  
Fareast 19R "Fareast", base 162, as sailed 150, Squamish YC  
Fareast 23R "Overdraft", base 117, as sailed 117, RVicYC

Fareast 23R "Django", base 117, as sailed 117, Summerland YC  
Bene Figaro "Hara II", base 99, as sailed 120, TCYC  
Finnsailer 34 "Rumaro", base 178, as sailed 184, TCYC  
Holl 3/4Ton "Hagar", base 120, as sailed 117, VRC  
Dufour 310 GL "Rio", base 156, as sailed 183, VRC  
Bene First 35-2 "Skywalker", base 66, as sailed 72, VRC  
Corsair F-27 "Kestrel", base 52, as sailed 60, SCYC

Catalina 275 "Tallula", base rating changed to 180 (was 177), as sailed to 185 (was 182), DCYC.

Motion Carried.

#### **ITEM 4: Rules Review.**

##### **Code Zero Sails**

Continuing to monitor the impact of Code Zero type sails in our region. In the meantime, Code Zero dimension will be added to the PHRF application form for future use.

##### **Single and Double Handers**

Discussed and decided it is not feasible to determine fair PHRF adjustments for single or double handed boats as there are too many variables.

##### **Multihulls**

There has been an increase in multihulls racing under PHRF, including racing with monohulls at some clubs. To ensure fair competition, PHRF BC will assign multihull ratings to the most common classes in our region. Furthermore, to kick-start matters, PHRF certificates will be provided to these multihulls free-of charge for the first year.

The handicappers committee would like to see a representative of the multihull community join our committee and represent multihull issues. If anyone is interested, please contact either the PHRF Chairman or the Chief Handicapper.

##### **Cruising class rating adjustments**

There are no plans at this time to introduce recommendations for cruising class PHRF adjustments.

**ITEM 5: Rating Reviews.**

**Above 200 Review**

All certificates with ratings greater than 200 have been reviewed. The review was based on both observed performance and comparison with ratings in other North American regions. The following adjustments will apply:

<b>Base Rating Adjusted</b>				
<b>Class</b>	<b>Current Base Rating</b>	<b>North American Average</b>	<b>New Base Rating</b>	<b>Tentative (review again at next meeting)</b>
Niagara 26 O	211	183	186	T
San Juan 24 O	231	216	222	T
Viking 28 O	205	180	183	T
Tanzer 26 O	228	210	213	T
Aloha 8.2 I	231	213	216	T

**All other above 200 certificates remain unchanged.**

**Rating Reviews - Future Direction**

With the final review completed, the Committee feels it is likely some boats may still have favorable, or unfavorable, ratings. While PHRF relies on appeals to keep ratings fair, owners seem reluctant to enter the appeals process. The Handicappers Committee will continue to encourage individual appeals, but to assist the process the Committee will be asking fleet captains to suggest two or three boats from their club, or other clubs, for further review in a confidential process. Rating adjustments, if any, will be announced at a subsequent handicappers meeting.

**ITEM 6: Web Site Upgrade**

Software changes are planned to allow more of the handicapping process to be delegated to individual club handicappers.

At the same time, there will be some further improvements to the PHRF presence on the BC Sailing web site.

## **ITEM 7: New Business.**

### **Dry Sailed Boats**

The possibility of a rating adjustment for dry-sailed boats will be discussed at the spring 2023 meeting.

### **White Sail Ratings**

The Committee will consider whether to show white sails ratings (no flying sails) in addition to flying sails ratings on PHRF certificates.

## **ITEM 8: 2022 PHRF BC FALL APPEALS REVIEW (1700 hrs)**

1. April Fagét, SISC, appealing Hotfoot 20 Standard Definition.
  - Appellant believes standard JC should be 7.9 ft and recommended a corresponding base rating adjustment to keep as-sailed rating as-is.

*Appeal outcome: Appeal upheld. Appellant is correct. JC dimension will be revised to 7.9 ft and base rating changed to 165 (was 168).*

2. Paul Betts, RVicYC, appealing Santa Cruz 27, "Road Kill"
  - Appellant requests a rating increase to be competitive with some other one-design classes.

*Appeal outcome: Appeal denied. Based on observed performance of other Santa Cruz 27's, and the owner's stated success against a top boat in LD racing, any change would negatively impact fairness with many other classes. However, if the appellant finds some one-designs have favorable ratings, it is recommended he appeal those specific classes.*

3. Bruce Chan, WVYC, appealing J-111, "65 Red Roses"
  - Appellant requests explanation of his BC rating compared to his rating with PHRF NW, and requests increased rating to maintain parity with the Farr 30 class.

*Appeal outcome: Rating increase denied.*

*Since the appellant could not attend the meeting, a full explanation is shown here:*

PHRF BC does not simply take the North American average for a boat's base rating although we do strive to move closer to North American averages in general. Rather we focus on those NA regions that have some depth of fleet, and particularly those regions with comparable

wind and wave conditions. This gives us a guide to a reasonable base rating for the class, but furthermore we take observed performance in our region into account.

For the J-111, this analysis initially indicated a base rating of 33. But observed performance in our region where other J-111's as well as the appellant's boat were achieving significant success, indicated a slightly faster base rating is justified. The PHRF BC base rating was thus set at 30.

Since then, a deeper look at ratings in other areas like ours shows PHRF ratings for the J-111 are being reduced (made faster) over time. For example, PHRF of Long Island Sound with a good fleet of J-111's, now has the rating at 24 for random course races and 30 for windward/leeward.

As to the comparison with Farr 30's. It was noted, the appellant has shown success in recent races against Farr 30's, albeit with close results. It is also known that the Farr 30's in our region are among the most competitive anywhere, having had podium results in major international events.

The Committee finds there is no justification to raise 65 Red Roses' rating. The rating remains at base 30, as sailed 36.

- Meeting ended 1820 hrs -