

# PHRF of BC

## SPRING 2023 HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday March 18, 1730 hrs  
West Vancouver Yacht Club

### MINUTES

#### In Attendance:

John Windas (Chair)    Jason Davies    Ian Lloyd  
George Bishop        John McManus

**ITEM 1:** Acceptance of minutes of the Fall 2022 Handicappers Committee Meeting.

**Motion:** The minutes of the Fall 2022 Handicappers Committee Meeting be accepted as read.

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 2:** Handicappers Committee Changes

Retirements from the committee:

The committee thanks Terry Waters for his many years of dedication in senior roles at both PHRF BC and PHRF NW.

Appointments to the committee:

- George Bishop (NYC, SCYC, CRYC, GBSC)
- John McManus (EHYC)
- Brenda van Fossen (VRC)
- Ian Lloyd, WVYC handicapper, has added DCYC to his handicapping responsibilities.

**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 and to be reviewed at next meetings:

Islander 36-1 TM, "Psyche", base 153, as sailed 168, (no affiliation)  
Catalina 275S, "Tallulah", base 180, as sailed 201, DCYC  
Xyac X4.3, "Xiomara", base 42, as sailed 54, Glenmore SC  
Sanj 24-1, "Animal House II", base 222, as sailed 225, Kelowna YC

Sanj 24-1, "Nemesis", base 222, as sailed 222, TCYC  
Saga 43, "Monashee II", base 81, as sailed 72, Kootenay Lake SC  
Viking 28, "Wild Fire", base 183, as sailed 183, Penticton SC  
Custom W S 46, "Seance", base 99, as sailed 99, Powell River SC  
Fareast 23R, "Overdraft", base 117, as sailed 117 ODR, RVicYC  
Fareast 23R, "Django", base 117, as sailed 117 ODR, Summerland SC  
Left Coast Dart, "Ogopogo", base 105, as sailed 96, SISC  
Bene Figaro, "Hara II", base 99, as sailed 120, TCYC  
Holl 3/4Ton, "Hagar", base 120, as sailed 117, VRC  
Dufour 310 GL, "Rio", base 156, as sailed 183, VRC  
Elan 434 Impression, "Dobro Dani", base 111, as sailed 129, WVYC

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 4:**

Rules review.

**a.** Code Zeros

Code zero sails can offer significant performance advantages, particularly for fractional rigged boats, while less so for masthead boats. PHRF BC would like to address this disparity.

It seems other PHRF regions have the same issue but are waiting to see whether the larger regions develop a suitable rule.

John McManus will research other PHRF regions' progress and report to the committee.

John Windas will distribute to the handicappers a proposal based on comparing code zero area against jib area.

**b.** Multihulls.

Tim Knight who runs a popular multihull Facebook page, and long-time multihull racer Garry Sagert have offered to help PHRF BC handle the complexities of rating multihulls.

**Motion:** That Tim Knight and Garry Sagert be appointed as multihull handicappers.

Motion Carried.

**c.** Dry-sailed boats.

Discussed briefly. Acknowledged that while dry-sailed boats may have an advantage, there are some classes that were already rated based on their performance as dry-sailed boats.

To be discussed further at the fall handicappers meeting.

**ITEM 5:** Rating reviews.

Keeping ratings fair relies on the appeals process. However, it is apparent owners are very reluctant to appeal boats other than their own. This leaves some favourably rated boats untested. Therefore, the Handicappers Committee intends to ask fleet captains to nominate in confidence up to three boats, either individually named boats or boat classes, that they or their fleet feels need review.

Accordingly, a request letter will be drafted for each handicapper to send to their respective fleet captains.

**ITEM 6:** Web Site Upgrade.

a. Status.

Changes are planned to the PHRF application/certificate generation software. When complete this will allow individual handicappers to have a more significant role and better serve their racing community.

b. Proposal to add white sail ratings to PHRF certificates.

Software changes for this are being specified. Whether it can be implemented in time for 2024 certificates will depend on budget.

**ITEM 7:** New Business.

a. None raised.

**ITEM 8: 2023 PHRF BC SPRING APPEALS REVIEW (1700 hrs)**

1. William Ehmann, RVicYC, appealing the J-33 class base rating.  
- appellant requested base boat rating be reduced from 97 to within the range 81 - 84.

*Appeal outcome: J-33 base boat rating is changed to 84.*

This brings the rating closer to North American average ratings for this class.

2. Paul Thompson, VRC, appealing his First 35-2 "Skywalker I".
  - appellant requested as-sailed rating in range 87 - 90 (currently 72).

*Appeal outcome: First 35-2 base boat rating is changed to 72 giving Skywalker 1 an as-sailed rating of 78.*

3. Mike Turner, RVicYC, appealing his Elliott 770 "Off the Chart".
  - appellant requested as-sailed rating of 103 (currently 95).

*Appeal outcome: Elliott 770 base boat rating is changed to 111, giving Off the Chart an as-sailed rating of 98.*

4. Neil Anderson, MBYC, appealing his Aloha 8.2 "Loonacy".
  - appellant requested base boat rating be increased to 222 (currently 216), and seeks removal of the -3 keel fairing adjustment.

*Appeal outcome: appeal denied.*

The boat is mostly raced singlehanded or doublehanded and could improve with a full crew. Recent successes indicate a rating change is not warranted at this time. However, a T rating will be applied to allow further review at the fall handicappers meeting.

Regarding the keel and rudder templating, it was acknowledged that the owner's intent was to correct defects, and when the original design template was unavailable, an aerofoil template close to the original design was used. Nevertheless, there were some differences in plan for both the keel and rudder that the Committee feels warrant the existing rating adjustment.

5. Phil DeGeller, TCYC, appealing his Niagara 26 "Mast Transit".
  - appellant requested base boat rating be increased to 194 (currently 186).

*Appeal outcome: Niagara 26 base boat rating is changed to 192.*

- Meeting ended 2040 hrs -