

# PHRF of BC

## FALL 2023 HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday November 18, 1730 hrs  
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:**

John Windas (Chair)	Jason Davies	George Bishop	Graham Heath
John McManus	Rod Martin	Garry Sagert	Brenda van Fossen
Warren White	Douglas Woolcock		

**ITEM 1:** Acceptance of minutes of the Spring 2023 Handicappers Committee Meeting.

**Motion:** The minutes of the Spring 2023 Handicappers Committee Meeting be accepted as read.

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 2:** 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:

CLASS	NAME	BASE	AS-SAILED	CLUB
HUNTER 30-2	SOUTHPAW	186	207	(no affiliation)
BENE FIRST 27-2 SE	YOYO	114	120	EHYC
BENE OCE 31	LA BELLA VITA	162	195	Garden Bay SC
XYAC X4.3	XIOMARA	42	54	Glenmore SC
J/9	BUTTER TART	117	120	Kelowna YC
JBOA 112E	MANAH MANAH	42	57	RVanYC
BENE OCE 393	UNWIND	126	138	RVanYC
JEAN 45.2 DK TM	ADVENTURIST	75	81	RVicYC
BENE OCE 380 WK	PAX	132	174	RVicYC
CUST 25	POINT BLANK	195	168	RVicYC
THUN 26 ODR	ZIG ZAG*	183	159	RVicYC
LEFT COAST DART	OGOPOGO	105	99	SISC
FAREAST 23R	OVERDRAFT		117 ODR	SNSYC
ANDREWS 26	SAINT VITAS DANCE	141	138	Summerland YC
TANZER 26	AURA	213	219	Sunshine Coast YC
WAVELENGTH 24	BUSHTIT	172	172	VRC

BENE 10R	LOST TOGETHER	93	102	VRC
DUFOUR 310 GL	RIO	156	143	VRC
JBOA 88	JAVELIN		81 ODR	WVYC
DUFOUR 40E P	SONGBIRD	72	75	WVYC
CATA 310	SWAN SONG	168	195	WVYC

\* Thunderbird 26 Zig Zag will be redesignated as an X boat

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 3:** Rules review.

**a.** Code Zeros

**Motion:** That the rule governing Code Zeros be amended to allow any sail tacked forward of the forestay to be treated as a spinnaker provided the mid girth to foot ratio is 55% or more.

Motion Carried.

**b.** Multihulls

PHRF BC strives to rate multihulls such that they are competitive with monohulls in mid range winds.

Screechers will be treated similarly to Code Zeros.

**c.** Dry-sailed Boats

It is acknowledged that some classes are already rated as dry-sailed whereas other dry-sailed boats are not.

The PHRF application form will be amended to indicate whether a boat is dry sailed. This is for possible use in the future.

**d.** OD Ratings

There have been complications with one design ratings particularly where there have been sail plan or other changes or where the class rules have changed. Therefore, the designation "OD" (One Design) will be gradually phased out. This will not impact current as-sailed ratings except in unusual circumstances such as when boats of a given OD class have sail variations that fall into different PHRF rating categories.

**e.** Regional Amended Ratings

The designation of Regional Amended Ratings will be phased out.

There is a misconception that wind conditions vary significantly between the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island (and maybe the Okanagan too). Studies have found that the average wind in these areas is very similar. While the designation of a regional

amended rating may have had significance when PHRF BC was part of PHRF NW and Oregon conditions differed from ours, the designation is no longer relevant for BC. It should be noted that individual clubs can apply their own adjustments to PHRF ratings for use within their own club (“club ratings”).

**f. Furling Mainsails**

PHRF BC is considering applying a rating adjustment for furling mainsails. A review will be undertaken to see what other PHRF regions have done in this regard.

**ITEM 4: Rating Reviews.**

Keeping ratings fair relies on the appeals process. However, it is apparent owners are reluctant to submit appeals. Therefore, the Handicappers Committee asked fleet captains to nominate boats that they or their fleet feel needs reviewing.

These are the boats/classes they nominated:

C&C 39 “Terna III” – suggesting a higher PHRF rating.

Catalina 37 “Topless” – suggesting a lower PHRF rating.

CY 8.0 “Incisor” – suggesting a higher PHRF rating.

Davidson 29 “Kodiak” – suggesting a higher PHRF rating.

Hotfoot 27 class – suggesting a lower PHRF rating.

Laser 28 Class – suggesting a higher PHRF rating.

Newport 31 “Aria” – suggesting a lower PHRF rating.

Olson 30 Class – suggesting a higher PHRF rating.

Ross 930 Class – seeking explanation of rating variations.

Tanzer 26 “Aura” – suggesting a lower PHRF rating.

**ITEM 5: Web Site Upgrade.**

No update.

**ITEM 6: New Business.**

- a. A change in process will be considered to allow individual handicappers to receive copies of applications that are sent to the Chief Handicapper or the Chairman.

**ITEM 7: 2023 PHRF BC FALL APPEALS REVIEW (1700 hrs)**

1. Mark Evans, VRC & SCYC, appealing his C&C 39 "Namba".  
- appellant requested adjustment for the modified keel and rudder be reduced.

*Appeal postponed to the spring appeals hearing when it can be heard alongside the discussion of the other C&C 39 "Terna III" (see Item 4.).*

2. Rob Doupe & Hugh Waller, SNSYC, appealing their Fareast 23R "Overdraft".  
- appellant requested a rating increase.

*Appeal outcome: Appeal denied.*

*The committee feels the appellants need more experience in the boat to reach it's true potential before a rating appeal could be considered. The appellants acknowledged there were adjustments that could be made to improve the boat's performance. It was also suggested that the mainsail, and possibly the foresail, appear to be too flat for our region.*

- Meeting ended 2000 hrs -