

# PHRF of BC

## FALL 2024 HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday November 2nd, 1700 hrs  
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club

### MINUTES

**In Attendance:**

John Windas (Chair)	Jason Davies	Rod Martin	Douglas Woolcock
George Bishop	Graham Heath	Warren White	Garry Sagert
Ignacio Vulliez (guest)			

**ITEM 1:** Acceptance of minutes of the Spring 2024 Handicappers Committee Meeting.

**Motion:** The minutes of the Spring 2024 Handicappers Committee Meeting be accepted as read.

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 2:** Review of Tentative ratings (T Ratings).

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

CLASS	NAME	BASE	AS-SAILED	CLUB
ERIC 32-2	COCO	192	201	(no affiliation)
XYAC X4.3	TEMPUS FUGIT II	42	36	(no affiliation)
JBOA 133	BLUE JAY III	15	24	Bras d'Or YC
BAVARIA C45	EAGLE	48	57	CFSA
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HUNTER 216	LITTLE DEUCE COUPE	198	208	Cultus Lake SC
BENE FIRST 27-2 SE	YOYO	114	105	EHYC
SWAN 441	GUSTO	60	63	FCYC
CATA 270	WHITEHORN II	198	234*	Kelowna YC

VIKING 28 O	WILDFIRE	183	183	Penticton YC
DEHLER 39 J/V	GRETCHEN	69	90	RVanYC
ARCHAMBAULT 31	KINCORA	84	87	RVanYC
KERNAN 44	KOA	-18	-19	RVanYC
ANDREWS 77	MACH 2	-159	-144	RVanYC
XYAC XP44 DK TM	PHOENIX	9	12	RVanYC
MOORE 24	AMOORE	156	153	RVicYC
TANZER 22	ARIA	243	243	RVicYC
MOORE 24	B-MOORE	156	153	RVicYC
MOORE 24	C MOORE	156	153	RVicYC
DUFOUR 500 GL	NAUTICAL DAUGHTER	78	68	RVicYC
BENE 473	ARCTURUS	75	78	SISC
SPIRIT C44e	AVVENTO	60	72	SISC
LEFT COAST DART	OGOPOGO	105	99	SISC
DIAM 24	PAPILLON 2 NUIT	0*	14*	SISC
FAREAST 23R	OVERDRAFT	124*	120*	SNSYC
ROCKET 22	WICKED	99	100	SNSYC
NEWP 30-2	ARIA	192	213	Sunshine Coast YC
TANZER 26	AURA	210	216	Sunshine Coast YC
CUST CATA 37-1	TOPLESS	90	84	Sunshine Coast YC
TES 246 VERSUS	AROWANA	252	252	TCYC
C&C 37R	WAVE TRAIN	63	60	TCYC
COLU 30	BLUES IN SEA	165	192	Vernon YC
DUFOUR 310 GL	RIO	156	149	VRC

\***Fareast 23R Overdraft** ODR status removed, and base rating increased by 3 giving as-sailed rating 120. **Fareast Django** is eligible for the rating increase if the owner submits sail dimensions. **Catalina 270 Whitehorn II** had rating database error. Rating corrected to 234 as sailed (was 228). **Diam 26 Papillon 2 Nuit** base rating increased by 6 to 0 (was -6) and as sailed to 14 (was 8).

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 3:** Rules review.

- a. Proposal from a certificate holder that there be a specific limit on the number of Free Flying Sails.

The Committee discussed this proposal and decided not to implement it at this time. The Committee will continue to monitor the effect of Code Zeros and similar sails to see if the proposal should be revisited at a future meeting.

- b. PHRF Time on Time formula:

1. Are current A/B factors still valid?

It was noted that PHRF NW has revised their Time on Time formula to increase the B factor from the previous 520 to 550. 550 is used by most regions in North America and therefore PHRF BC, with our B factor at 520, is out of step with PHRF NW and other PHRF regions. The original reason for 520 was because our average wind strength of 8 knots is slightly lower than the average North American wind strength. However, the effect of the difference on race results may be minimal. The Committee will discuss again after further analysis.

2. Suggestion to consider the option to allow varying the formula for light, medium, and heavy winds.

Individual clubs can already do this. However, as to whether PHRF BC will recommend it, this needs further consideration and will be discussed at the Spring meeting when an analysis of the impact can be presented.

**ITEM 4:** Rating reviews.

- a. Keeping ratings fair - what more can be done given the lack of appeals? – discussion.

Handicappers cannot change a boat's ratings except under these specific circumstances:

1. An announced overall fleet review – none of these are planned. Or,
2. At Fleet Captains' request – this was intended to be a one time initiative. Or,
3. The boat is T rated – a tentative rating usually occurs when it is a new class to BC, but can also be due to some unusual circumstances such as where there has been a significant change to a class. Or,

4. As a result of a rating appeal.

The most important of these is item 4, through appeals. However, we receive too few appeals, and the few that are made almost always concern the owner's own rating. But the real problem can often be that it is not their own rating that is disadvantaged, but rather that one or more of their competitors has an overly advantageous rating and should be appealed. Without anyone appealing classes with beneficial ratings, the handicappers are powerless to solve the situation.

This topic will be discussed again at the Spring meeting.

**b. Olson 30 review results.**

Olson 30 Class Rules were relaxed over time to allow several changes that improved performance. A boat with these modifications would be significantly faster than the original as-designed boat. The Committee conducted a survey to see if any were still in the original configuration and would warrant a better rating. Most owners responded, and finding none in original configuration, the Committee decided the ratings of these boats will remain as-is.

Any Olson 30 that did not respond to the survey, and/or believes their boat to be unfairly rated, is encouraged to appeal.

**ITEM 5:** PHRF Fees.

**Motion:** The PHRF fees be maintained at \$55.00 for 2024/25.

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 6: 2023 PHRF BC FALL APPEALS REVIEW (1700 hrs)**

1. William Richard King appealing his Pearson 33-2 "Merganser".  
- appellant requests the as-sailed PHRF rating be increased to 200+ (current as-sailed is 186 on base rating of 156).

*Appeal denied. Merganser's sail plan is under powered for our lighter winds area. The spinnaker is even smaller than the minimum PHRF range and the jib much smaller than the minimum.*

*The Committee suggests the owner seek the advice of a sailmaker, or perhaps obtain/borrow second hand sails of a larger code to truly see the potential of this boat.*

2. Bob Armstrong appealing his Catalina 37 “Topless”.

- appellant requests the reversal of the previous base boat rating change (current base 90, as-sailed 84; previous base 114 and as-sailed 108).

*Appeal not heard. The appeal did not comply with requirements. A valid appeal requires all recent race results to be provided in advance and requires the appellant or his appointed designate to be present at the hearing.*

*The owner may reappeal at the Spring appeals meeting which will be held in the lower mainland and will be more convenient for the owner to attend.*

3. Simon Walker appealing his Hotfoot 27 “Caliente”.

- appellant requests the reversal of the previous base boat rating change (current base 141, as-sailed 141; previous base 147 and as-sailed 147).

*Appeal denied. Hotfoot 27s are performing well at the new rating.*

*The handicappers acknowledge that there may be one or two other classes that have a rating advantage over the Hotfoot 27's. If so, the Hotfoot owner(s) are advised to appeal that class or classes.*

4. Clayton Mills appealing his Hotfoot 27 “Jaguar”.

- appellant requests the reversal of the previous base boat rating change (current base 141, as-sailed 141; previous base 147 and as-sailed 147).

*Appeal not heard. Owner or designate not present.*

5. Clifford Sutton appealing his Newport 30-2 “Aria”.

- appellant requests the reversal of the previous base boat rating change (current base 192, as-sailed 213; previous base 205, as-sailed 226).

*Appeal not heard. The appeal did not comply with requirements. A valid appeal requires all recent race results to be provided in advance and requires the appellant or his appointed designate to be present at the hearing.*

*The owner may reappeal at the Spring appeals meeting which will be held in the lower mainland and will be more convenient for the owner to attend.*

6. Ignacio Vulliez appealing his Tanzer 26 “Aura”.

- appellant seeks rating close to his 2022 base rating of 228 (current base 210, as-sailed 216).

*Appeal denied. The owner has not raced his Tanzer 26 since the base rating was reduced by 3 seconds in Spring 2024.*

*Without race results and/or other compelling evidence the appeal cannot be granted.*

*Appellant believes he can provide such evidence and is welcome to reappeal at the Spring appeals meeting.*

**Meeting ended 2035 hrs -**