

Minutes of Lake Huron PHRF Rating Committee Meeting

March 29th, 2009

Port Huron Yacht Club

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

Attendance – Committee members present were: Nick Ward, Jason Latham, Steve Cooper, Reid Stromberg, Tony Shepherd, John Speirling, Carol Cataldo, Jodi Smith, Casey Petz, Mike Stevens, and Trevor Floyd.

Agenda – The meeting agenda was distributed by Nick Ward

Secretary's Report (handled by Nick Ward)–

- Jay Gillespie will no longer serve on the Lake Huron PHRF Rating Committee. Casey Petz will be the new secretary for Lake Huron PHRF.
- 4 new US Sailing PHRF books were distributed
- Nov 11th, 2008 meeting minutes were read by Nick Ward

Treasurer's Report

- The financial report was distributed to the group and was approved
 - o John Speirling noted an error on the Account Balance Date (change from 11/23/08 to 3/23/09)
- During last meeting the group voted to approve \$400 to support a Richardson's Cup team for 2009. Nick Ward suggested we donate the \$400 to LHYA with no stipulations.
- Income will be updated on for the next meeting (\$0 additional income was posted for this report).
- Expenses on the report were due to purchase of the 4 new PHRF books.
- Jason Latham made a motion to change the \$400 for the Richardson's Cup to a straight donation to LHYA. Second by Casey Petz. Motion carried.

Chief Handicapper's Report

- Review of all Temp Ratings to remove temporary status of some ratings (as recommended by Chief Handicapper)
- Discussed the Melges 24 rating. Last year we issued a rating of 93 after our regular PHRF Rating Committee meetings. Group concurred with the decision made by the chief handicapper. Motion made by Nick Ward to set rating at 93T. Second by Carol Cataldo. Motion carried.
- Review of Carrera 280 rating. Boat may be sailing with a spinnaker that is oversized, has not been officially measured, and sails with a backstay that isn't standard equipment for the boat. Motion was made to keep the rating at 87T, but the vote was tabled to the next meeting so that the Chief Handicapper could measure the boat and research some of the issues mentioned.

New Boats

- C&C 38 MK 3 WK – Nick Ward made a motion to set rating at 108T. Second by John Speirling. Motion Carried.
- C&C 38R Mod Keel – Keel depth modified (reduced 14”). Tony Shepherd going to take a look at the boat while it is on the hard. Vote on the rating was tabled.
- Hunter 31 – Motion made by Tony Shepherd to approve a rating of 162T. Second by Nick Ward. Motion Carried.
- J40 – Motion made by Tony Shepherd to set a rating of 72T with a six second credit for roller furling. Second by Jodi Smith. Motion carried.
- Mirage 26 – Motion made by John Spierling to set rating at 216T. Second by Carol Cataldo. Motion carried.
- N/M (ILC) 46 – Motion made by Jason Latham to set rating at –12T. Second by Tony Shepherd. Motion carried.

Appeals

- Win Cooper appeal of Chippewa
 - o 172 is the average of the ratings for this boat around the country
 - o Boat currently has no credits, no penalties
 - o Suggestion was made to invite Bob Wall to the next meeting
 - o Issue was tabled till next meeting
 - o Chief Handicapper recommended that the group review the recent race results of this boat
 - o Chief Handicapper stated that it is his opinion that the appeal has merit
- Steve Jay review request of the C&C 35 in relation to the Santana 35
 - o PHRF does not limit what sail cloth can be used on racing boats (this is a class issue)
 - o PHRF does not rate boats based on one course type, rating are all purpose.
 - o Both the C&C 35 MK1 and T10 are US PHRF benchmark boats. Lake Huron PHRF has both rated in accordance with benchmark.
 - o Chief Handicapper recommends that we look at the Santana 35 numbers in the book, and it was determined that the appeal has no merit based on other Great Lake’s ratings. This season on the water performance will be watch closely for continued discuss at later meetings.
 - o If the concerned parties would like to add merit to their appeal, they need to race against each other.
- Casey Petz appeal for rating adjustment for Antrim 27
 - o Boat will be raced using a PHRF size mainsail instead of the oversize class main used in year’s past
 - o Motion made by Jodi Smith to approve rating change to 93T for Antrim 27. Second by Jason Latham. Motion carried.

Scuttlebutt

- Steve Cooper brought up the need for more participation in the youth sailing program. Group agreed to help raise awareness within their circle of influence.

Meeting Adjourned 12:31 pm. Motion made by Nick Ward. Second by Jason Latham. Motion carried.