

Minutes of Lake Huron PHRF Rating Committee Meeting

April 25th, 2009

Port Huron Yacht Club

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 12:07 am.

Attendance – Committee members present were: Nick Ward, Jason Latham, Steve Cooper, Reid Stromberg, Tony Shepherd, John Speirling and Carol Cataldo.

Agenda – The meeting agenda was distributed by Nick Ward

Secretary's Report (handled by Nick Ward)–

- Roll call was taken.
- March 29th, 2009 meeting minutes were read by Nick Ward

Treasurer's Report

- The financial report was distributed to the group and was approved.
- The question of US Sailing Dues was asked, we have not paid them to date. Nick Ward to follow up.

Chief Handicapper's Report

- 165 applicants to date, with 151 ratings issued
- 14 new members this year
- Project 175 members this year.
- J40 rating was reviewed again and it was determined that 75 can be used this season.

New Boats

- C&C 37/40 R Mod Keel – Based of 66 was approved, then a credit of +9 was issued for a keel moderation
- J100 – OD rating was issued at 90, with -9 for LP.
- Hunter 49 TM SD – Based rating of 90 based on design, credits to be issued
- Hanse 370 – Based rating of 90 was issued.

Appeals

- Win Cooper appeal of Chippewa
 - o Both parties were present and provided very good input.
 - o The committee felt that the BYC Mac rating of 171 is not valid as they are not a PHRF rating authority and are assigning ratings for their own race alone. In review of the US Sailing PHRF handbook there are not grounds to move the rating lower, but possibility to increase the number.
 - o The committee also noted that the Lake Huron PHRF By-Laws do not penalize boats for proficiency. In the view of the rating committee Chippewa is more proficient then the majority of the other boats in its local fleet.
 - o Based on these finding the rating of 177 shall stay the same, but will be reviewed again 2010.

Meeting Adjourned 1:45 pm. Motion made by Nick Ward. Second by Jason Latham. Motion carried.