

Notice of Annual Meeting of Delegates

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Delegates of PHRF of the Chesapeake will be held on Saturday, November 22, 1997 at the Eastport Yacht Club, in Annapolis, MD. The meeting will begin at 11:00am this year, with a lunch break from 12:30 to 1:00pm, and will adjourn at 4:00pm. Any member of PHRF of the Chesapeake may attend the meeting. *If you wish to attend, and are not a delegate, your lunch will cost \$10. Please call the Executive Secretary at 410-414-3270 if you plan to have lunch at EYC.*

All PHRF delegates must be current members of PHRF of the Chesapeake in order to vote, and present motions on behalf of their respective clubs.

In the June issue of THE MAINSHEET, distributed with the 1997 Yearbook, we announced that proposals for the 1997 Annual Meeting should be submitted to the Executive Secretary for consideration by October 1st. We've had a good response to that request, and the following is a summary of issues to be presented to the Delegates at the Annual Meeting for discussion and voting.

Proposed Agenda Issues for Annual Meeting

New Associate Membership Add a new section 3.2 to Article III of the PHRF by-laws as follows:

"Section 3.2. Any person may apply for Associate Membership to PHRF of the Chesapeake. This class is for people who wish to belong to PHRF of the Chesapeake and receive its publications, including valid lists, but do not own a sailboat that qualifies for membership under the rules of PHRF of the Chesapeake. Associate Members may represent clubs as Delegates."

Handicapper Term Limits Add a new section 6.4 to Article VI of the PHRF by-laws as follows:

"Section 6.4. Handicappers appointed pursuant to Section 6.2 shall serve a maximum of five years without immediate succession. The Chief Handicappers are exempt from this limit during the time they are presiding as Chief Handicappers. Northern Bay Handicappers sitting on the Board of Handicappers as of December 1, 1997 shall be replaced at the rate of two new handicappers per year starting November, 1998. Those Handicappers having the longest term of service shall be replaced first until no Handicapper will have greater than five years of continuous service."

Annual Dues Regular membership increase to \$30, with new Associate member dues at \$30, and increase fee for lost or changed certificates to \$15.

Clarification Headsail Definition Yearbook, page 33, #1, Headsails, section A; add "*asymmetrical spinnaker*" after the word "spinnaker". Also add a new section C to read: "*C. Asymmetrical spinnakers shall conform to the requirements of these specifications.*"

Change to Limitations on Mainsails Yearbook, pg. 34, #20, Batten Lengths; modify to comply with IMS requirements for mainsail battens to read as follows: "*A. The number of battens in any mainsail or mizzen shall be limited to seven (7) for all yachts. Batten spacing shall be approximately equal between headboard and clew.*"

Add to Requirement for Roller Furler Credit Yearbook, pg. 35, #34; add new sentence to clarify sail limitations for boats with roller furler credits as follows:

"D. The roller furling headsail shall be the only headsail used on upwind legs, unless conditions warrant use of heavy weather sail. On off wind legs, if second genoa is flown (non-spinnaker), it must be of same or smaller dimensions as upwind roller furling sail and also comply with requirements of paragraph 34B."

Proposed New PHRF Corinthian Class The new class is proposed as follows:

"Corinthian Class: Cruising boats or boats designed as "cruiser/racers" that carry full accommodations, including a full galley and enclosed head, may select to sail in the Corinthian Class. Approval of boats selecting to sail in the Corinthian class is subject to meeting class rules and review by the PHRF Corinthian Class committee. Competitors selecting the Corinthian Class shall comply with existing PHRF class rules and in addition shall:

- 1. Request assignment to the Corinthian Class at the time of rating application or renewal.*
- 2. The SA/DISP (considering 100% fore triangle) of the boat must be under 21.*
- 3. The helms person, unless at least a 50% owner, must be a category 1 sailor as defined by US Sailing. No more than one other crew, unless an immediate family member of the owner(s) may be category 2 or 3 sailors.*
- 4. Boats placing in any of the top three high point places in the Corinthian Class for two consecutive years shall*

not be eligible for the Corinthian Class for the upcoming year.”

Proposed New PHRF Sportboat Class There are two proposals for new Sport Boat Class:

- Proposal #1 is as follows: *“Sportboat Class: Boats conforming to the following criteria shall sail in the Sportboat Class, when offered by the Race Instructions:*
1. *Boats flying asymmetrical spinnakers from bowsprits that are 10% or greater in length than the conventional “J” measurement.*
 2. *Boats under 36’ LOA with a SA/DISP (100% fore triangle) above 33.*
 3. *Any boat with a SA/DISP (100% fore triangle) over 26 may elect to sail in the Sportboat Class whether or not an asymmetrical spinnaker is flown.”*

Proposal #2 is as follows: *“Sportboat Class: Established in Region 3AW for 1998 with the following parameters: 1) Maximum length not greater than 37 ft. LOA. 2) Maximum handicap not greater than 108. 3) SA/DISP greater than 26.0. 4) Use of symmetrical or asymmetrical spinnakers is owner’s descretion. 5) Handicappers of the region in which the Sportboat Class is sailed may adjust handicaps as they deem necessary without the usual appeal during the 1998 season.”*

Proposed Class Splits for Region 3AW At this time, there is only one proposal to change the existing 1997 class splits for next year. The 1998 PHRF Class splits for region 3AW are proposed as follows.

PHRF A	- 031 and lower
PHRF A0	- 032 to 061
PHRF A1	- 062 to 091
PHRF A2	- 092 to 121
PHRF B	- 122 to 169
PHRF C	- 170 and above
PHRF Sportboat	- All ratings
PHRF Corinthian	- All ratings
PHRF Non-spinnaker	- All ratings

These items have been proposed for the agenda as of “press time”. Other issues for voting will be presented at the Annual Meeting, such as election of new officers, Southern Bay Rating Splits, etc. Some other issues for which there has not been specific proposals, and may be discussed if time allows are: 1) new equipment accommodation category (i.e. 6P) for boats not meeting current PHRF accommodations standards; 2) allowing single handed sailing for boats with only one sail, and 3) allowing credits for fixed propellers.

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