



*DRAFT amended May 4, 2012*

**PHRF OF BC  
HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
March 7, 2012 Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

**MINUTES**

Present: Gunnar Jonsson, Chair

Matt Wagstaffe (Vancouver Rowing Club)  
Craig Lees (False Creek YC, Jericho Sailing Centre, Tiddly Cove YC)  
Robert Smith (Deep Cove YC)  
Brett Willetts (Royal Vancouver YC)  
Clint Currie (West Vancouver YC, Squamish YC; Gibsons YC,  
Kitsilano YC, Garden Bay SC, Centennial SC)  
Al Whitfield (Tsawwassen YC)

Meeting called to order 18:05hrs.

**1. Review of new PHRF BC Base boat rating assignments and changes.**

Cat Capri 26 WK I “Sloop Dog” base 225 as sailed 222  
Assigned rating accepted as read. Unanimous

Viking28 X O “Wildfire” 211 211

No information appears to be available in the database regarding the “X” boat assignment of this Viking 28. The current base rating is very favourable for a stock boat. The owner will be contacted for clarification. A base boat rating may need to be made.

**2. Watch list review.**

All yachts currently on the list to remain on Watch List.  
Results to be reviewed by Handicappers at the Fall Meeting once a season’s results are available.

**3. Administrative update.**

- a. Renewals as of Feb 27/12: 94.
- b. The revised draft “Introduction to PHRF BC” was presented. Accepted as read for posting on the PHRF BC website.
- c. BC Sailing has re enrolled as a member of US Sailing. This will allow PHRF BC to once again be included in the US Sailing base boat rating summary. This will result in many inaccurately published PHRF BC ratings being corrected to align with the current PHRF BC database.

**4. Rules Review:**

**a. Review of Old Age Sail Credit (OASC) Survey results:**

As of Feb 27/12, based on verbal questioning of renewing PHRF BC certificate holders:

-48 certificate holders voted to remove the OASC

-42 voted to keep the OASC

-4 abstained from the vote

Other notes: Of the 94 boats surveyed: 35 have the credit currently, 59 do not and 16 boats will be eligible for the credit next year.

One owner had requested that the credit not be applied although his sails are eligible. His as sailed rating was not adjusted.

The original intent of the OASC was to encourage more participation by older boats in keelboat racing in the province. No case can be made that this credit has made any difference in participation numbers.

The Handicappers Committee voted unanimously to discontinue the OASC adjustment retroactive to January 2012.

New certificates will be issued to all affected certificate holders by the end of March.

**5. New business:**

**a.** Clint Currie, Chief Handicapper, presented the case for a rating adjustment for the Hanse 400e: PHRF BC had previously assigned this boat a 79 T base boat rating while PHRF NW assigned the same boat a 90. With more information now available for this class the Chief Handicapper recommended that the boat base rating be moved to 84, T rating to be continued and the boat be added to the Watch List for performance monitoring in the coming season. New assigned rating passed.

**b.** Robert Smith, DCYC Handicapper, questioned the issue of the 1.1x handicap adjustment.

History: PHRF NW initiated the 1.1x handicap adjustment in an attempt to spread their 800+ boat fleet out to allow more divisions to be created because they had some huge divisional fleets that were becoming unmanageable for race committees. PHRF NW was the only jurisdiction in North America to do this. However, due to proximity and cross border racing interests PHRF BC was dragged along. The experiment was less than successful and resulted in some very skewed ratings as the adjustment for slower boats was massively out of proportion to their base ratings compared to the adjustment for faster boats.

*The practice of 1.1x was discontinued almost a decade ago with virtually all ratings now being aligned with international, national and regional norms.*

c. The Melges24, Olson30 and J109 class PHRF BC handicaps were discussed. No action to be taken pertaining to that discussion.

**6. 2012 PHRF BC Spring Appeals hearings.**

1. Irwin 30-1 I, #49039, Argosy Alex Cregan VRC  
Matt Wagstaffe, Vancouver Rowing Club Handicapper recused himself from participation and voting.  
Decision -No rating change.”
2. C&C26-1 I, #74333, Crystal Dolphin Robert Smith Deep Cove YC  
-In attendance, Competitor Mardy Grossman (Cat27, Surveyor) offered 2011 DCYC race results (not available online and not made available with the Appeal Application) and an analysis of the 2011 VARC season finish. In his opinion these strongly indicated no.change in rating was warranted and perhaps a further -3 second adjustment should be applied.  
-Owner excused from Handicapper discussion.  
Decision -No rating change.
3. Hunter 35.5 #6161 Diversion Michael Broser Point Roberts YC  
Decision - Base boat rating changed to 144 T. Change based on comparable yacht ratings. No adjustment for interior build out.

Meeting adjourned 2105.