

INTRODUCTION

The Class Rules and By-Laws of the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of Southern California (hereafter referred to as PHRF) have been developed to provide fair and equitable racing between dissimilar sailboats, through the management of a performance handicap rating system.

PHRF Ratings are determined by members who volunteer to serve on local Area Handicap Review Boards, whose Chairperson, plus elected Officers, serve on the Regional Handicap Review Board. Board members are experienced sailors who participate in local PHRF racing and are, therefore, cognizant of the challenge to avoid any conflict of personal interest in managing the PHRF Rating System.

PHRF relies on the honesty sportsmanship and Corinthian spirit of its members to ensure accurate information about a boat's configuration is made available to a Handicap Review Board, and that any modifications made to the rated configuration are reported, in writing, to the Fleet Secretary.

PHRF establishes the Ratings, issues Rating Certificates, and manages the Rating System through a formal review process. Yacht Clubs organize, host, and conduct races, and are encouraged to divide classes by boat type, size and ability, as opposed to solely by PHRF rating. Yacht clubs and race organizers are also encouraged to provide venues for production cruising boats to compete with similar boats. Matters pertaining to Ratings should be directed to PHRF. Matters pertaining to race management or on-the-water racing should be directed to the host yacht club.

REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN PHRF

An applicant must be a member in good standing of a yacht club or organization affiliated with the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA), and must submit a completed Application for Membership to PHRF with current dues attached. Applications for Membership are available from the PHRF Fleet Office (this information is on front cover of this roster).

MEMBERSHIP

REGULAR membership includes a Rating Certificate for the member's boat. Regular membership is changed to Associate membership status when the boat changes ownership or the term of the charter ends.

ASSOCIATE membership is for individuals who do not have a boat, and does not include a Rating Certificate. Associate membership is changed to Regular membership when the member applies for and received a Rating Certificate for a boat.

Both Regular and Associate members are listed in the PHRF Fleet Roster and receive the Class Rules and Fleet Roster as often as the documents are published. Additional copies of the PHRF Class Rules or the Fleet Roster are available upon request.

DUES

Annual dues are payable by January 1st of each year. And are the same for Regular and Associate members. Dues will be credited to the next year for members joining PHRF after October 1st.

BOATS ELIGIBLE FOR A PHRF RATING

A boat must be singled-hulled, be self-righting, and have a length **overall (LOA) of 18.5 feet or more.**

A boat must have a US Sailing sail number or a sail number from an ISAF International or Recognized One-Design Class in compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix G. A sail number may be obtained through the SCYA Service Center, Long Beach, CA 90803. The request an application or Transfer of Ownership, contact SCYA at 562-433-3726 (FAX) 562-438-8656 or www.scya.org.

PHRF reserves the right to reject any Application for Rating.