

GYA PHRF RATING COMMITTEE REPORT, JANUARY 13, 2019

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 501. Our PHRF Fleet has stayed at a consistent level over the past several years: 2014 494, 2015 508, 2016 490, and 2017 500. (See attached summary). Included in the current number is 117 certificates yet to respond to our renewal notice. Past experience indicates that at least 90% of these will renew.

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "GYA.org" (click on PHRF) or "GYA-PHRF.com". Our web site now has an excel spreadsheet of all the certificate data for each yacht. This is the same information contained on each owner's certificate (excluding addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses) and can be viewed by all.

Our next PHRF board meeting is our Annual review and is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at Singing River Yacht Club, to begin at 5:00 PM. Our meetings are open to all, however only PHRF Area Handicappers will be present when specific ratings and appeals are discussed.

Each Area Handicapper serves on the PHRF committee for 5 years. We rotate one change per year. 2018 was the last year for Cragi Wilusz (FWYC), the Area Handicapper for Florida. Cragi has been an excellent Area Handicapper for Florida and the GYA as a whole and will be missed on the committee. I requested recommendations from Commodores in the Florida Area and received excellent recommendations. Hurricane Michael has delayed the selection process. I hope to finalize the selection shortly. In the meantime, Tony Nichols has agreed to represent Florida as an Assistant Handicapper and will attend meetings as his schedule permits. Tony has extensive race experience on his Kelly 24 "Phoenix" and will be an excellent representative for Florida.

Most clubs are now using US Sailing's Regatta Network for scoring race results. Regatta Net Work maintains results in their "History" file. Retrieval of race results for input to our PHRF Race file is achieved directly, without requiring race committees to submit their results (except when Regatta Network is not used). The concern is that no indication is made on the Regatta Network results as to % windward work, wind velocity range, and overall conditions. I encourage all Commodores to request their Race Committees to e-mail at gya.phrf@gmail.com, the following (for their Regatta Network scored races): Date (of race), Club, Race name and race number, % windward work, average or range of wind velocity, and overall conditions of Race (poor, fair, good, very good, excellent).

Accurate recording of race and conditions insures that skippers from your Club will have their race results data reviewed by the PHRF Committee at our Annual review in February. Boats that have no current year (2018) race data recorded will not receive the same level of review as boats with recorded race data.

The PHRF Mailing list on excel spread sheets or Gum Labels are available to Clubs putting on regattas. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail (gya.phrf@gmail.com), or phone (228-769-6718 – leave a message). In most cases, requested data is supplied immediately (or the next day).

We have an up to date list of e-mail addresses and can e-mail (bcc) a copy of your regatta flyers, NOR, SI's, etc. to current PHRF certificate holders (approximately 96% have valid e-mail addresses). This is a great way to get information on your regatta to GYA PHRF sailors.

A Race Committee File (on excel spread sheet) that has all the pertinent race data information is also available when requested.

Tom Beery
GYA PHRF Rating Committee Chairman