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Dear PHRF-NB Member:

New for 2002:

- We have decided to co-locate a PHRF office with NBYA at the Herreshoff facility in Bristol. This will allow people to drop off their certificates or other documentation at a specific location, allow us to keep our files at a central location, allow our meeting and appeals to be heard at a facility with some basics: conference room, computer, telephone, heat, etc and give our administrator some peace of mind.
- We will have a major upgrade to our web site and will have timely updates on the rating list and decisions the committee has made throughout the season
- A new appeal form is available on our web site or from our administrator: cost will be \$25/appeal

Not New for 2002, but some Other Comments:

- After much discussion we have decided to keep our present rules regarding mainsail girths: Mainsail girth measurements are tied either to IMS or one design rules: any changes must be reported
- Sport Boats: we provide ratings for sport boats; however with a single rating, sport boats will do extremely well in certain conditions, e.g. reaching. Therefore we urge race committees to separate sport boats into their own class whenever feasible. We also urge racers to discuss this with their race committees. PHRF-NB will be happy to provide guidance to race committees as to what we consider sport boats.
- PHRF-NB does not make any judgments, nor try to exclude any type of boat due to safety or its design. It is up to your race committee to limit your regattas to certain types of boats, for example, 20 feet or greater, life lines, crew weight, etc.
- PHRF does not impose a specific rule on crew weight limits: it is up to your race committee to impose a weight limit rule if it is desired for a particular regatta. If it is desired we will recommend or provide to your race committee a suggested crew weight rule.

Renewals: As in previous years, your 2002 certificate is prefilled in. Please review for corrections or any changes. Remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that the application is correct.

New Certificates: Please read the application instructions carefully when filling out your application. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the office.

Application Fees: \$25 for renewal, \$35 for new certificates. To ease/reduce the cost for sailors who race also in NE, or Long Island Sound, a new application that is accompanied by a valid NE or LI PHRF certificate, will only be charged \$25 vs. \$35.

PHRF-NB as related to other organizations: We often encounter confusion with the relationship of PHRF-NB to other organizations. PHRF-NB, with approximately 700 boats rated per year, is one of the larger PHRF fleets in the United States. We are independent of NBYA, and the NE and Long Island PHRF organizations. This independence is typical throughout the country, and I believe has led to a rating organization and approach, which, while far from perfect, has lasted and allowed all types of sailing innovation and creativity.

Other Documentation: Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Updated Principles of PHRF of Narragansett Bay, By-laws, Rating Procedures, Notes to Appellants and Standard Adjustment Guidelines are available, but in the interest of saving costs and paper will not be automatically mailed to every member. Instead, they will be available at our web site, and for those who do not have access to the Internet, please call our office if you desire a copy.

Internet Site: PHRF-NB has an Internet site at <http://www.phrf-nb.org> with the above information and links to associated sites.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Beausoleil, our administrator, at 401 253-0207, FAX at 401 254-1495 or by email at phrfadmin@phrf-nb.org.

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Sue undid it! When Diane couldn't get the spinnaker pole in place, Ralph jumped up and helped! Kevin called
tactics! Bob called windshifts.....but nobody can help or fix your error: you forgot to mail your PHRF
rating.....and now your team knows why there was no first-place gun
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