

PHRF-NB
P.O. Box 356
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Dear PHRF-NB member:

Enclosed is your 2007 PHRF Narragansett Bay renewal package. The next page explains the changes made to this year's form. We strive to keep the form as simple as possible. Having as much information about your boat as reasonably possible helps us to obtain a fair rating for your boat. Each year, the committee reviews the form to determine what information is useful and what should be eliminated. Feel free to contact the office either by phone, fax, or e-mail, for any questions you have. If Pat is unable to answer your question, she will pass it on to a committee member or technical committee.

New for 2007, our Service Center has moved to North Carolina! We are no longer located at the Bristol office. Our phone number and e-mail address remains the same. As we no longer incur rent and utility costs, we hope to pass on the savings to all members by keeping memberships and renewal cost increases to a minimum or possibly reducing them. Pat Beausoleil continues as our Service Center Manager. You can reach the Service Center at:

PHRFAdmin@phrf-nb.net Tel: (401) 253-0207 [if dialing from RI, area code is not required for voice phone]; FAX: (401) 369-9319

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Effective next year (2008) we will be changing our genoa base from 150% to 155%. This will bring us in line with New England PHRF and Western Long Island Sound PHRF. Sometime later this year, we will publish a revised Standard Adjustment table for headsails that will be used when the 2008 change takes place. We also anticipate modifying headsail credits as follows (effective next year, 2008):

- Limit the smaller genoa credit to 6 seconds and only down to 135% ***when racing spinnaker***
- For non-spinnaker racing, a credit up to 12 seconds would still be available, depending on your largest headsail size.

RACING – 2007

For race events in our area check out the following web-sites: <http://www.sailnewport.org/npt/c/cnt/down/2007SailingCalendar.pdf>
http://www.nbya.org/big_boat/index.htm

If your club or association has an event that you wish to publicize, these are two excellent sites for listing your event and contact information. Most of these events are open to anyone with a valid PHRF certificate. Racing outside your home area is a great experience for your crew and helps keep them motivated to race on your boat.

On behalf of the committee members, I hope you have a fun filled racing season.

Sincerely,
Michael H. Koster
Commodore, PHRF-NB

New for 2007:

- The penalty for carrying both symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnakers on a racing boat has been eliminated.
- The form tables for spinnaker information has been modified.
- All the above is covered in the instructions

Not new for 2007, but some other comments:

- PHRF-NB is not a policing body. If there are questions whether or not a boat is racing in its rated configuration, the appropriate method of calling this to the attention of the race committee is to file a valid protest against that boat. If requested by the protest committee, PHRF-NB will provide information as to our expectations and assumptions when the rating was determined.
- Sport boats – We provide ratings for sport boats; however, with a single rating system such as we employ, sport boats will do extremely well in certain conditions (e.g. reaching) and not well in others. Therefore we urge race committees to separate sport boats into their own class whenever feasible. We also urge races 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.
- **Cruising headsail credit issues. Please read the guidelines carefully. Note: if you elect for this credit and apply for another rating in another PHRF area, IMS, IRC, and/or Americap, you are expected to use the same sail inventory configuration that you received the credit for on your PHRF-NB certificate.** You should not take this credit if you intend to obtain a non-PHRF-NB rating with the intention of using a different sail inventory that does not meet the Cruising Headsail Credit criteria. If in doubt call the office first. **If you had the cruising headsail credit in 2006 it was cleared on this year's form forcing you to verify you meet the requirements, specifically non high tech head sails.**
- PHRF-NB does not make any judgments, nor do we 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 requiring boats to be 20 feet or longer, imposing lifeline requirements, etc.
- PHRF-NB 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 2007 certificate is pre-filled 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: \$30 for renewal, \$35 for new certificates. To ease/reduce the cost for sailors who also race in NE or Long Island Sound, a new application that is accompanied by a valid NE or LI PHRF certificate will be charged \$20.

PHRF-NB as related to other organizations: We often encounter confusion with the relations of PHRF-NB to other organizations. PHRF-NB, with approximately 600 boats rated per year, is one of the larger PHRF fleets in the United States. We are independent of NBYA, and of the NE and Long Island PHRF organizations. This independence is typical throughout the country, and

we believe has led to a rating organization and approach that, while far from perfect, has lasted and allowed all types of sailing innovation and creativity.

Other Documentation: Minutes of the meetings, updated Principles of PHRF of Narragansett Bay, bylaws, rating procedures, notes to appellants, standard adjustment guidelines, and ratings and associated adjustments for rated yachts are available on the web site. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the office for copies of these documents.

Web Site: PHRF-NB's web presence is at www.phrf-nb.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Beausoleil, our administrator, at 401 253 0207, fax (252) 369-9319 or by email at phrfadmin@phrf-nb.org.

Have a fun and safe season! See you on the Bay!

Sincerely,

Your PHRF-NB Rating Committee