

PHRF - NARRAGANSETT BAY

**P.O. Box 356
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February 2, 2016

Dear PHRF - Narragansett Bay member:

Our annual meeting and election of officers is scheduled for 29 February, 2016 at the Barrington Yacht Club, Barrington, Rhode Island at 1900 hours (7:00 pm). Enclosed is an agenda for the meeting. Please be advised that the meeting is relatively informal and usually lasts about 1 hour. This year PHRF-NB will be experiencing significant changes in administration and committee duties. Pat Beausoleil has advised the committee that this is her last year as administrator. Pat has been with us, if my recollection serves me correctly, for over 20 years. She has been the glue that keeps us together and has provided excellent service during her tenure. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Pat for her professionalism, dedication and hard work. Kenny Madeiro has also expressed his desire to relinquish his position as rating chair. This is a thankless job in many respects, that Kenny has fulfilled with great skill and knowledge. I'd also like to thank Ken for his years of service. Ken has indicated that he will remain on the committee. Mark Nannini has accepted the nomination for Rating Chair and I have every reason to believe that the transition from Ken to Mark will go smoothly. Bob Horton has been nominated for secretary to replace Mark. The last change as of this writing, is that this will be my last year as Commodore of PHRF-NB and also as a committee member. My involvement with Rhode Island Canine Search and Rescue over the past two years has not afforded me the opportunity to devote the time that PHRF-NB deserves.

One of the major agenda items open for discussion is the current state of the PHRF-NB committee. Our numbers have been dwindling over the years with very few willing to step up to the help out. This can be problematic as the smaller the committee, the ratings end up being determined by a few. The other agenda item up for discussion is with Pat's departure, in lieu of replacing Pat, is to have US Sailing administer PHRF-NB. Should that occur, members should be aware that to obtain a PHRF certificate, you must also be a member of US Sailing.

The open forum is also an excellent time to bring comments or concerns to the committee. If you a particular topic you would like to discuss, please e-mail your suggestion to Pat so she can forward to committee members in the event we need to do some research or preparation to better address your topic.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe boating season.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Koster

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