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NC-PHRF Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2008

Attendees: Bill Jarvis, Harry Preddy, Dyk Luben, Jerry Fitzgerald, Mark Weinheimer, Mark Brennesholtz

1. Acting Treasurer Jarvis reported that we are slightly in the black so far, but with the November meeting expense and secretarial fees, we will probably be about breakeven. Cash on hand is about \$3500.
2. Mark B. reported that the annual reporting of handicaps to USSA had been completed.
3. Open items from previous meetings:
  - a. Mark W. was to research and recommend how to measure asymmetrical spinnakers.
    - i. How to report the measurements.
    - ii. How to rate based on the measurements.
    - iii. Be consistent with other rating bodies.
    - iv. Needed in time to include with Chairman's letter in January.
  - b. Mark W. to clarify dimensions of the Freedom 35 *Casseopeia*.
4. Application form changes:
  - a. Add ISP and JSP to the application form.
  - b. Change G and SG to SMW (Spinnaker Maximum Width) on the application form, in the yearbook definitions, and on the diagram in the yearbook.
  - c. The sequence of measurements on the application form may be revised to permit easier data entry.
  - d. Add VRFM (vertical roller furling main) to the application form. Such mains without battens will receive a 12 second allowance.
  - e. Place the NC-PHRF web address in a more prominent location.
5. An application for rating for a Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37 had incomplete data so the correct vessel type could not be determined. Jerry will obtain the data and resubmit the application.
6. An Ericson 32-3 SD was rated 156P.
7. A Hunter Legend 40.5 was rated 114P.
8. A Catalina 36 SD was rated 141 base.

9. A vessel may request one rating change per **calendar** year (for a \$10 fee) to reflect changes in prop, sails, etc. The change request must be submitted on a rating application form, and a new certificate will be issued with the same expiration date as the original one. (ed note: the insertion of **calendar** above is my doing. Please let me know if any disagree).
10. After discussion of a sustained protest against a boat with too many crew, the committee adopted the following policy to be included in NC-PHRF rules: “Any vessel sailing with an ODR rating must meet class ODR rules (sail size, sail cloth, crew limits, keel position, etc.)”
11. After discussion, a statement on whisker poles will be included in NC-PHRF rules: “NC-PHRF does not limit whisker poles except that they must be attached to the mast unless gybing.”
12. “Adjustments for carbon fiber masts will be dealt with on a case by case basis.” This will also be included in the rules.
13. Allowances for small jibs, etc. in non-ODR vessels will be reviewed in the February meeting. It is no particular burden to maintain records for this allowance.
14. Suggested rule changes 9 through 13 above will be reviewed and modified prior to the February meeting at which they may be ratified.
15. A date for the next meeting was not established, however, it is planned for February. The February meeting is open to anyone, and it is the one time a year that ratings can be changed without appeal. All provisional ratings are reviewed in this meeting as well.