



SOUTH SHORE PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we doing this?

PHRF South Shore (PHRF-SS) is working to increase yacht racing participation by being more inclusive and eliminating yacht rating barriers. A vessel's safety preparedness must conform to federal, regional, and local laws, rules, and regulations for the body of water on which it operates and the rules under which it is sailing.

How are ratings being developed?

PHRF-SS utilizes the US Sailing "*HISTORY OF US PHRF® AFFILIATED HANDICAPS*" book and averages the ratings for each class across all PHRF organizations.

Will I be required to have a PHRF-SS and a PHRF-LE certificate?

Most organizing authorities require a valid rating certificate but generally do not require more than one. The PHRF-SS certificate is valid across the country.

Is PHRF-SS an organizing authority?

PHRF-SS is a ratings organization chartered to rate boats, provide uniform rules to fairly rate boats, and provide salient ratings to Organizing Authorities.

Can PHRF-SS organize or sponsor regattas?

No. PHRF-SS does not act as, nor represent, any Organizing Authority (OA) for any event designated PHRF-SS and does not dictate which boats may or may not participate in any given event, nor does it dictate which safety features a boat must meet. The sole purpose of PHRF-SS is to provide fair and consistent ratings of boats.

Is PHRF-SS run by a yacht club?

No, the official name is PHRF-SS, LLC. It is strictly an independent organization that was chartered by the Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) on June 28, 2017 in its capacity as the Regional Sailing Authority (RSA) sanctioned by US Sailing. PHRF-SS is strictly independent to fairly and without compromise or prejudice establish fair and equitable ratings for boats.

Will PHRF-SS require specific equipment or modifications to receive a ratings certificate?

PHRF-SS will rate keelboats and further will endeavor to provide ratings based upon stock or modified boats without requiring equipment that is not stock. It is up to the organizing authority to accept or reject entry of a boat based upon the type of regatta or race that is being run.

What rules will PHRF-SS use?

PHRF-SS has adopted rules from the best practices of various PHRF organizations, standard industry measurement formulas and US Sailing guidelines. Rules are available at: <http://phrf-ss.org>



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Does PHRF-SS have a committee?

Yes, there is a volunteer committee consisting of local racing sailors. There is in place a formal organizational structure, rules and by-laws.

How do I contact PHRF-SS?

There is an email for contacting the PHRF-SS Committee on the web site at: <http://phrf-ss.org>

Does PHRF-SS take into consideration differences in design?

Yes. The Performance Prediction Factor (PPF) is a calculation used to predict the potential performance of a boat. The PPF is based upon the following speed producing characteristics of Sail Area (SA), Displacement (D) and Loaded-Length at the Waterline (LWL) which are used to calculate the PPF.