



**UNITED STATES
PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th, 2006 [1300 – 1430]
Hyatt Regency Newport
Newport, Rhode island**

The USPHRF Committee is a technical rule committee of US Sailing supporting local and regional Performance Handicap Racing Fleets affiliated with US SAILING. The Committee promotes the sport of racing for monohull and multihull sailing yachts by applying empirical methods for performance handicapping. Details about the committee, its officers, members, and affiliated fleets may be viewed at <http://www.ussailing.org/phrf/>.

1. Call to Order

The call to order was delayed 1345 because the meeting room was occupied. This allowed only 45 minutes to meet which compromised the published agenda.

2. Roll call of the Committee members and guests

Members present: Paul Ansfield, Bill Baxter, Bruce Bingman, John Collins, Alan McMillan, Bill Kellner, David Ross, Jim Tichenor, Jim Walsh and Bob Warnecke.

Member regrets: Bruce Campbell and Trey Ritter

3. Approval of minutes

On a motion with support the minutes of the spring 2006 meeting were approved.

4. Report of the Offshore Director and Associate Director

Dan Nowlan reviewed the number of handicaps issued by registered local and regional PHRF[©] organizations. This number, more than 15,000, is distributed across 51 USPHRF registered fleets. With the addition of over 12,000 North American Portsmouth Handicaps to the number of PHRF[©] handicaps, performance or empirically handicapped boats represents the largest certified body of racing sailors in the United States.

Dan reviewed the numbers of measurement rating certificates processed and those in process for the ORR, IMS, and IRC rules.

Jim Teeters discussed the availability of products and services from the Offshore Office

5. Report of the Competition Division Chair

Jim Walsh described the functions of his office and how it can support the actions of all Councils and Committees within the division. He noted the way reports from Davison members are forwarded to the Division, the House of Delegates, and the Board of Directors.

6. US SAILING and ISAF updates

The forthcoming US SAILING election process was described. Members present at the US SAILING AGM who have not voted were urged to do so by Saturday of the meeting week according to the voting instructions.

Submissions to ISAF were reviewed. Of interest to US PHRF was the submission from the Norwegian Sailing Federation development of a common language for describing, by standard measurements, hull, rig, and sailplan of parameters for measurement ratings and empirical handicaps. The submission seeks the formation of a working party to report to the Council in April or May of 2007 the nature and feasibility of the task or any first proposals.

7. New Business

- a) On a motion with support, new Committee Terms of Reference and USPHRF Committee Management Guidelines were adopted. These are to be published on the US PHRF website and as printed documents mailed to the fleet.

b) Chairperson of the Handicapping Consortium for the Key West Race Week PHRF National Championship

8. Elections and Appointments

a) On a motion with support, the slate of committee members was adopted. These are:

Paul Ansfield, Chairperson
William J. Baxter
Bruce Bingman, Vice Chairperson
Debra K Schaefer
John Collins
Alan McMillan
William Kellner
W. Trey Ritter
David Ross, Secretary & web liaison
James Tichenor
James Walsh
Robert Warnecke
Cole Price

b) Appoints by the Chair to USPHRF Committee subcommittees were noted. These are:

- i. The Executive Subcommittee to comprise: Paul Ansfield, Bill Baxter, Bruce Bingman, and John Collins and JimTichenor
- ii. The Technical Subcommittee to comprise: John Collins, Bruce Bingman, David Ross and Bob Warnecke
- iii. Handicap Appeals Subcommittee is chaired by Paul Ansfield who selects three member appeal hearing committees from the USPHRF Committee and USPHRF Member fleets for each accepted appeal.

The current Chair is an ex officio member of each subcommittee.

9. Call to Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 1430

Submitted on behalf of the USPHRF Committee by

James Walsh and Paul Ansfield