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Committee Report PHRF in the "A" & "B" Classes

This committee was requested to investigate the feasibility and advisability of using PHRF handicapping in the A & B classes. The committee reviewed the 1981 entry list for these classes with time allowances based on Off Soundings rule and on PHRF handicaps.

It was determined that:

1. PHRF base boat numbers currently exist in PHRF-LIS (ECYRA) for at least 75% of the A & B class boats.
2. PHRF numbers can be assigned for the remaining, mostly one-of-a-kind, boats in these classes, based on various race results, dimensional comparisons, and IOR and MHS rating comparisons.
3. The apparent existing inequities with regards ratings would be reduced by using PHRF handicapping.
4. A rigorous measurement of yachts should be retained for PHRF handicapping, more so than required presently by PHRF-LIS.

It was concluded that:

1. PHRF handicapping is feasible for classes A & B.
2. PHRF handicapping should be extended to these classes in order to provide more equitable handicapping.
3. In the near term, the Off Soundings measurement form should be retained as the PHRF data source. The Chief Measurer should investigate the substitution of a "Data Form" to replace the "Measurement Form".

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REPORT TO THE COMMODORE AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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As charged at the October 24, 1981 Board of Governors Meeting, the Committee consisting of Past Commodore William B. White, Race Committee Chairman Paul C. Van Dyke and Donald P. Robinson, Chairman, submits the following report and recommendations after long and careful considerations, separately and as a Committee of the Whole

The following resolution is proposed for consideration and action by the Board.

"Be it resolved that: Skippers/Owners of powered vessels, who volunteer their services and vessels toward the furtherance of the purposes of the Club and have been appointed to do so by the Race Committee Chairman shall be honored by:

1. The privilege of flying the Club Burgee when in its appointed service.
2. The privilege of wearing a Club Blazer Insignia, incorporating the words "Race Committee" when in its appointed service.
3. The privilege of affixing to their vessel a bronze plaque indicating as a minimum, the name of said vessel and the date when said service to the Club was performed. Precise wording to be developed by the Chairman of the Race Committee and the Chairman of the Prizes and Awards Committee.
4. Finally, formal recognition as a vital member of the "Off Soundings Race Committee."

End of Resolution.

Additional means to recognize their service currently in practice are:

1. Guests of the Club at its annual meeting and at a dinner arranged by the Race Committee Chairman on the final night of each series service.



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2. Willingness to reimburse the skipper for fuel used during the series (not all submit bills.)

A suggestion included in the charge--that of appointment by the Board of Governors appears to be impractical because of time constraints. When a scheduled powered vessel drops out at the last minute, the Chairman of the Race Committee must instantly line up a replacement. The appointment, practically, must be left to him.

Finally, it has come to the attention of Messrs White and Robinson that the long suffering and overworked Race Committee Chairman, not be saddled with the responsibility of finding boats for Race Committee members to bunk on. Past Commodore White and I would urge the Board to advise the Chairman of the Race Committee to spend the additional funds, a small percentage of the Race costs, to secure accomodations ashore.

The Committee recommends that each Volunteer Skipper/Owner be presented with a copy of the "finally-approved" Resolution.

At the pleasure of the Board, the Committee wishes to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted

DPR/vcj

Donald P. Robinson
Chairman

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