

Rating Review

PHRF San Diego will conduct a Rating Review when such a request is properly submitted.

Any member of PHRF San Diego (any boat owner with a current rating certificate) may request a Rating Review for his/her own boat or any other boat. It is appropriate to request a Rating Review if your boat is consistently scoring well above or well below expectations, likewise for someone else's boat. If you request a Rating Review of someone else's boat your name will be public. There is a provision for an Anonymous Rating Review and that requires 3 members to submit such requests and then those names will not be public. You should be prepared to offer information about your boat or the boat you are requesting a Rating Review for. That information should include sails and their age and condition, boat's bottom – condition and age of paint, and a listing of races showing performance, and any other item you believe to be relevant. PHRF San Diego will review any Rating Review requests as soon as is reasonably possible. The member requesting the Rating Review will be allowed to present information to PHRF San Diego Handicap Review Board, likewise the boat owner, if different, will be allowed to present information, and other members of PHRF San Diego will be able to participate in the meetings.

PHRF SoCal CLASS RULES

Note PHRF San Diego uses PHRF SoCal Class Rules except where PHRF San Diego has changed certain parts. No changes have been made concerning "Rating Reviews".

Here is the form to request a Rating Review:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSef4-n43YMuRZnncAy-vg78xLGRHvMJkmdWJDZxpZ9BfSxtSA/viewform>

More information is available through PHRF SoCal Class Rules -

<https://www.phrfsocal.org/wp-content/uploads/Rules/lr.pdf> - the part most relevant to Rating Reviews is below:

PHRF SoCal Class Rules

4. CHANGES TO RATINGS

4.1 A formal process requiring a maximum of **TWO READINGS** (votes) shall be followed to change a boat's Rating(s). The process requires a thorough review of appropriate race results and "observed performance." During any twelve month period, Member's boats shall be subject to a maximum of one Rating Review requested by anyone other than the boat owner or owner's representative, and one Rating Review requested by the boat owner or owner's representative. The foregoing limitations shall not apply to or otherwise limit Rating Reviews initiated as a consequence of a change to the Boat's Rated Configuration.

4.2 A PHRF member may request a change to the Regional Ratings of the member's own boat, or of another Member's boat, by submitting a "Request for Rating Review" to the Regional Board by email. Any such request,

whether by a Member for his or her own boat, or for a competitor's boat, must be accompanied by the completed rating review form or forms designated on the PHRF of Southern California web site at <http://www.phrfsocal.org>. The Fleet Secretary shall reject any request for a rating review that is not accompanied by such completed form(s). Upon receipt of said written request:

1. The Regional Board shall conduct a "FIRST READING" of the Boat's Rating, to be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Board as soon as is practical after the receipt of such Request. Requests for Rating Review shall be processed and scheduled for Rating Review in the order that they are received, and depending upon the number and nature of requests received in a particular month, a Rating Review may not be heard in the month the request is submitted. The PHRF Fleet Secretary shall notify the PHRF Member / owner of the affected boat, by email, of the Board's "Intent to Review Rating(s)" at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the First Reading. The PHRF agenda shall be posted on the SoCal PHRF website or distributed to the membership via email to provide at least seven (7) days' notice to the boat's competitors so that they may appear to testify at the PHRF meeting. The boat owner may request a postponement of the First Reading for one month, to arrange for the Member or Member's representative to attend the First Reading..
2. At the First Reading, the PHRF member / owner (or designated representative) of the boat in question, and the Member, if any, who requested the rating review, as well as other PHRF members who have observed the performance of the boat in question, shall (subject to Rule 4.5) have the opportunity to present information which will assist in the Review. The PHRF Member / owner of the boat in question shall submit all information set forth on the PHRF of Southern California web site at <http://www.phrfsocal.org>. The Regional Board shall review the Request and the submitted information and make a determination by majority vote (a "Rating Decision") of a rating adjustment, if any, for the boat in question. Such Rating Decision shall be effective pursuant to the procedure described below in Rule 4.2c. .
3. After the conclusion of the First Reading, the Fleet Secretary shall post or distribute meeting minutes pursuant to Rule 1.3 which shall include the Rating Decision made by the Regional Board at the First Reading, thereby providing notice to all SoCal PHRF Members of such decision. Any Member, including the owner of the reviewed boat, may thereafter object to the Rating Decision by notifying the Fleet Secretary of their objection within seven (7) calendar days (the "Rating Objection Period") after the effective date of such notice. The Rating Decision shall be effective upon the expiration of the Rating Objection Period and notice to the Member as provided in section 4.2d, unless a Second Reading is necessary as provided below. In the event that a notice of a Member's objection is received prior to expiration of the Rating Objection Period, or if the Chief Handicapper otherwise determines that a Second Reading is necessary to effectively review the boat's Rating, the Regional Board shall hold a "SECOND READING" to further consider the Request for Rating Review. The boat owner / Member and other affected Members may submit additional information for review at the Second Reading as they see fit. Notice shall be given in the same manner as in the First Reading. After the information has been reviewed by the Regional Board at the Second Reading, a Rating Decision shall be made by majority vote of the Regional Board. Such decision shall thereupon be effective upon notice to the Member as provided in section 4.2d.
4. As soon as practical upon determination of a Rating Decision, the Fleet Secretary shall cause the Rating adjustment, if any, to be recorded on the SoCal PHRF database. Such rating adjustment shall be effective upon notice to the boat owner, to be sent via email from SoCal PHRF upon the recording of the new rating in the SoCal PHRF database.
5. Upon receipt and review of a Request for Rating Review, the Chief Handicapper may decline to submit the request to the Regional or Area Handicap Review Board if, at the discretion of the Chief Handicapper, the Request does not include sufficient data relating to race results and/or Rated Configuration to conduct a meaningful review of the boat's rating.

4.3 ANONYMOUS RATING REVIEW.

1. The Regional Board may initiate a Rating Review of a boat owned by a PHRF Member without a request by the Member / owner or by an identified competitor as set forth above in section 4.2 if and only if three

(3) PHRF members, within any twelve month period, submit requests that a specific boat be reviewed using the link on the SoCal PHRF website.

2. In the event that three such requests are received within one year, the Fleet Secretary shall notify the Chief Handicapper of such requests and thereupon issue notice to the PHRF Member / owner of the boat in question as provided in Rule 4.2a above. The Rating Review shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Rule 4.2, except that the names of the three Members who requested the Rating Review shall be confidential and not be revealed except to members of the Executive Board.
3. No boat shall be the subject of more than one Anonymous Rating Review within any twelve month period.

4.4 The Regional Board may, in response to a Rating Review conducted pursuant to Rules 4.2 or 4.3, direct the Area Handicap Board to initiate a Rating Review of the boat for consideration of an Area Adjustment. The Fleet Secretary shall thereupon promptly notify the Chairperson for the Area Handicap Review Board in question, who shall then conduct an Area Rating Review pursuant to the provisions of Rule 5.

4.5 CONDUCT OF RATING REVIEW. When conducting a First Reading or Second Reading in connection with any Rating Review, the Handicap Review Board shall:

1. Allow the boat owner / member to present evidence and testimony, including witness testimony, in support of the decision (change or no-change to the Rating) proposed by the boat owner / member, and to answer questions that may be submitted by the Handicap Review Board, during an open discussion period;
2. Allow a maximum three (3) witnesses to present evidence and testimony in opposition to the decision proposed by the boat owner / member, and to answer questions that may be submitted by the Handicap Review Board, during the open discussion period described in sec. 4.5a.
3. After the completion of all testimony and the receipt of all evidence, the Handicap Review Board shall deliberate in private, during which time members of the Handicap Review Board shall offer information regarding observed performance of the subject boat to assist in the Chief Handicapper's analysis, and the Chief Handicapper and/or fleet advisors shall offer their recommendation for a change in Rating, if any. Members of the Handicap Review Board who have a Conflict of Interest pursuant to Rule 1.5b shall not, upon request from the Owner or Representative of the Conflicting Boat after inquiring, participate in the private deliberation described above concerning the Conflicting Boat. Such conflicted Board Member must instead offer all observations and opinions while the Owner or Representative of the Conflicting Boat is present during the open discussion time of the Rating Review.
4. Immediately upon the conclusion of the Handicap Review Board's deliberation period the President shall call for a vote.
5. The results of the vote shall be communicated to the boat owner / member in person immediately, if possible, or otherwise by email, and the Fleet Secretary shall promptly update the online Rating Information for the boat accordingly.
6. The Chief Handicapper or President (or Area Chairman during a meeting of an Area Board) may, at their discretion, establish rules which limit the time period during which evidence and testimony may be presented during the open discussion period described in sec. 4.5a, and which limit the time period for deliberation by the Handicap Review Board.
7. The Regional or Area Board may vote to table (postpone) or to continue a First or Second Reading to a future meeting of the Board if necessary, to receive or evaluate information relevant to the Rating Review.