



Competition Protocols (2008 Rev.)

Section I Inspection

A yacht may be inspected at any reasonable time on request by a fleet member for compliance with equipment requirements, headsail sizes, spinnaker pole length and conformity with other dimensions indicated on the current rating certificate.

Section II Scoring

A. Yearly Class Championship Series Scoring

1. The yearly championship series shall be scored using the current Low Point Scoring System as defined in US Sailing's current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). PHRF San Diego's Competition Protocol, Appendix 1, shall list any membership approved change to this scoring system.
2. All races shall count equally for the series score (not weighted).
3. All races shall be scored using the PHRF San Diego Rating.
4. An event's "Racing Area" is considered part of the PHRF San Diego local area irrespective of the start or finish location.
5. Ties unresolved by the RRS Appendix. A8 shall be broken in favor of the yacht with the lowest corrected time in the last race that both yachts competed in, excluding DNF and DNC scores.

B. The races for the yearly Class Championship Series will be formulated each year by the Fleet Executive Board and presented in Appendix 1 to the Competition Protocols for approval by the membership at the annual meeting.

1. The listed Races and Regattas as published in the Appendix 1 shall constitute the PHRF San Diego Class Championship Series.
2. For a yacht to be eligible to be scored it must start the race. A DNF in a race does not disqualify the race as a "qualifying" race for the yearly Class Championship Series.
3. Only PHRF SD fleet member boats are eligible for the yearly Class Champion awards.
4. The Championship Series scores apply to the owner, not the yacht, regardless of the number of boats owned sequentially during the year. However, all the yachts owned must be in the same class to qualify for Class honors.
5. Scoring for each race is on a class basis.
6. The yacht with the best score for all qualifying races shall be that year's Class Champion.
7. Refer to PHRF San Diego Fleet roster and Appendix 1, for Class assignments and Class rosters.
8. Skippers are required to enter and race in their assigned classes as listed on the most current PHRF San Diego Fleet Roster.
9. All classes will have a Championship Venue.

Section III Series Eligibility

1. A yacht is entered when it checks-in, in accordance with the event NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions.
2. For a race result to count toward the Class Championship, the skipper must be a current member of PHRF San Diego and boat must have a current PHRF San Diego Rating Certificate. Non-members have 30 days after a race to resolve a "non-member" status, and then the race becomes an ineligible series race for that skipper.

Section IV Classes and Starts

1. Classes may be combined, in accordance with the Sailing Instructions for the event.
2. Yachts shall be assigned in the Classes listed in the PHRF San Diego Appendix 1. Yachts may choose to race in Class 6 at any time by entering that Class for a race.

Section V Annual Championship Regatta

The Ed Cotter PHRF San Diego Championship Regatta: An Invitational, Corinthian three to five-Race Buoy Series sponsored by PHRF San Diego. Eligible Host Club(s) include: Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego Yacht Club, or any other local club the Fleet Executive Board may elect to award the Championship Regatta to.

Eligibility and Rules:

1. PHRF classes are established by the PHRF Board at the beginning of each calendar year and are set out in Appendix 1 of the Competition Protocols.
2. Each skipper entered must be a member of PHRF San Diego.
3. There is no restriction on crew members in terms of yacht club or fleet membership.
4. The PHRF Class "MIR" rule is in effect, unless the Notice of Race modifies application of the rule.
5. No team racing tactics are allowed.

Section VI Electronic Notification protocols *(new for 2008)*:

- A. Consistent with provisions listed within the PHRF-SD By-Law Article IX Amendments, Electronic communication to the membership of fleet activities includes the following:
 1. Fleet Meetings
 2. Amendments to PHRF-SD By-Laws Class Rules , Protocols and Appendix's
 3. Official Rating Reviews
 4. Membership Renewal Forms
 5. Other official Fleet business not covered above.
- B. Electronic communication to members shall include direct E-Mail and/or List Server E-Mail, and includes the use of the PHRF-San Diego website for downloading documents and correspondence.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of each member to provide a current active e-mail address to be listed on each years Membership Renewal form, and to notify PHRF-SD of any change to this e-mail address. This address will only be used for direct e-mail contact for official business requiring membership and/or Skipper notification. The Fleet Newsletter using a List Server shall use the members' address supplied when registering for the newsletter via the PHRF website.
- D. Members not wishing to be notified via E-mail shall request in writing to PHRF-SD that they receive all official correspondence via the USPS. Members may initiate official correspond directly with PHRF San Diego via the PHRF website, www.phrfsandiego.org