

Southern Yacht Club

PHRF Classic Class By-Laws - 2014

Article I

With the intention of promoting and nurturing competition in racing under the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rating system, utilizing a classic style triangle course, the PHRF Classic Class of the Southern Yacht Club (hereafter referred to as "the Class") is herein formed.

Article II

The officers of the Class shall be Fleet Captain and a Secretary/Treasurer. The officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms by a majority of the members present at the annual meeting of the Class. Officers shall be members in good standing of both the Class and Southern Yacht Club.

A. The Fleet Captain shall preside at all meetings of the Class and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the Chief Executive Officer of an organization.

B. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Class and shall maintain records of receipts and disbursements, making a report of same to the Class at the annual meeting. He shall attend all Class meetings and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings attributable thereto. He shall give notice of all meetings of the Class and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Fleet Captain.

C. The Fleet Captain and the Secretary/Treasurer shall decide the admissibility of any yacht proposed for membership.

D. Should the Fleet Captain & Secretary/Treasurer be unable to reach a consensus on any topic, the PHRF Fleet Captain shall be the deciding vote.

Article III

There shall be an annual meeting of the Class at least once per year prior to the start of the SYC Racing Season. At any duly called meeting of the Class members may be represented by written proxy, but the appointed proxy must be another member of the Class, and no member may represent more than two proxies. Votes will be cast only on the basis of one vote per yacht represented. Members are required to start at least two (2) of the Classic Class races as specified pursuant to Article VIII hereof in the prior racing season, in order to maintain their voting privileges.

Article IV

The Fleet Captain and the Secretary/Treasurer shall rule on the eligibility of yachts. The Fleet Captain shall issue a membership invitation. A yacht denied membership may, by making a written request to the Fleet Captain, present an appeal to the Class at the next scheduled meeting or one called in the manner prescribed in Article X. The Class will then vote to accept or deny membership to the appealing yacht. When a member yacht is sold or disposed of, membership with respect to the yacht and the former owner ceases.

Article V

The criteria for membership shall be a yacht that is a fully sound racing vessel with standard rigging, accommodations for normal crew, and all required safety equipment. **Rule 52 is modified such that the use of stored power is permitted to operate winches for the adjustment of running rigging for the Classic Division.**

Article VI

The Class shall utilize the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) Gulf Yachting Association rules as a basis for handicapping. All member yachts shall have a current PHRF certificate. However, the Class Officers will determine if a yacht will be allowed to race in this class (see Article IV).

Article VII

There are no limitations on sail inventory in the PHRF Classic Class.

Article VIII

The racing season shall include such races as a majority of the officers determine. On or before April 1st of each year, the Secretary/Treasurer shall forward to the membership a listing of races which shall constitute the official racing schedule for determination of the Spring and Fall Divisions Championship and Overall Divisions Championship.

Divisions may be achieved utilizing any distinct characteristic and/or any component or combination of components of the PHRF rating system.

Trophies shall be awarded for Spring/Fall Division winners and the Overall Division Championship. Only members of the Classic Class "in good standing" will be eligible for trophies. The method of scoring shall be determined at the annual meeting.

Article IX

At the annual meeting, the Secretary/Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the membership. The annual dues for each individual member shall be set by the Class officers. An individual who is not a member of the SYC can join the Class. A yacht shall not be scored until its dues are paid.

Article X

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Class duly called, provided the general subject matter of such amendment is included in the call. Meetings may be called on ten (10) days written notice by a majority of the officers or any eight (8) members of the Class. Email sent to the address on record with the Class will be considered written notice.

Article XI

A majority of the officers of the Class are given the broadest authority in the interpretation of these by-laws: their interpretation shall be final and not subject to protest. Any interpretation of a majority of the officers may be overruled only by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the Class.