

GYA PHRF RATING COMMITTEE REPORT, MAY 1, 2021

Current PHRF certificates are approximately 495. This is an increase of 15 certificates from December 31, 2019. The increase in certificates is mainly due to new entries in our PHRF system.

Attached is a summary by state, by Club of the number of current PHRF certificates. A detail listing is also attached, by club, listing their boats in rating sequence, highlighting the Class breaks that will be used for the 2021 GYA Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup will be Hosted by Gulfport Yacht Club June 17 Skipper meeting and June 18, 19 and 20 racing. NOTE that all classes will be scored using the ORRez rating system. In 2019 Classes A and B used the ORRez system and Classes C and D used the PHRF rating system. All classes will have to have a 2021 ORRez rating certificate. These certificates can be renewed or applied for at:

Application for an ORR-Ez Certificate

Apply for an ORR-Ez Certificate:

Here is the quick-link to [apply for an ORR-Ez certificate](#). Here also are links to the [ORR-Ez Rulebook](#) and your [Performance Polar Package](#).

(click on Gulf Coast ORRez Apply/renew)

Clubs are encouraged to pick their team and complete the renewal or application process ASAP.

Attached is a Save the Date notice from Gulfport Yacht Club. The NOR will be issued shortly and will be emailed to all clubs and the GYA PHRF fleet.

The minutes from our last several meetings, as well as the Directory of Handicappers, By-Laws, and listing of all current PHRF certificate holders, their boats and ratings, can be found on the PHRF web site "GYA.org" (click on PHRF) or "GYA-PHRF.com". Our web site has an excel spreadsheet of all the certificate data for each yacht. This is the same information contained on each owner's certificate (excluding addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses).

The PHRF Mailing list on Gum Labels are available to Clubs putting on regattas. Contact Tom Beery by e-mail (gya.phrf@gmail.com), or phone (228-617-6536 – leave a message). In most cases, requested data is supplied immediately (or the next day). We have an up-to-date list of e-mail addresses and can e-mail (bcc) a copy of your regatta flyers, NOR, SI's, etc. to current PHRF certificate holders (approximately 96% have valid e-mail addresses). This is a great way to get information on your regatta to GYA PHRF sailors.

Updates on our transition from the GYA PHRF single number rating system to Offshore Racing Association (ORA) ORA-1 eight rating system have been provided to our GYA racing fleet on the

two attached emails. Rather than the subjective one number rating system to cover all racing conditions, the new ORA-1 system will have ratings for W/L and RLC, both for light wind and medium wind conditions. There will be 4 Spinnaker rating and 4 non-spinnaker ratings. Note that to date non-spinnaker class racing have used their spinnaker ratings with the assumption that the relative difference in sec/nm is the same. Non-spinnaker classes will now have separate ratings based on their actual non-spinnaker configuration.

In addition to the eight ratings there will be a General-Purpose rating based on the average of the W/L and RLC medium wind ratings, for both spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.

The General-purpose rating can be used to set class breaks and/or used as a single rating similar to our existing PHRF single number system. Some Clubs may prefer to continue to use a single number rating until confidence in the multiple rating system is gained.

Approximately 65% of the ORA-1 certificates have been released for review. I expect the balance of our 495 ORA-1 certificates to be issued in the May-June timeframe. Distribution to our fleet will be made when all certificates have been reviewed.

Our current PHRF system is fully supported through the end of this year. At that time the transition to the ORA PHRF system should be complete, including a user-friendly scoring system (developed by Kevin Blank of Fort Walton Yacht Club) that is in final testing.

Attached is a copy of an ORA-1 certificate, currently in review. Access to all ORA-1 certificates will be on-line so each competitor can review other's certificates. An excel spreadsheet will also be online detailing the ratings for all boats, including a method for each owner to highlight his boat and see the differences from his rating in sec/nm to all the other boats.

This report and attachments can be found on-line at our website: gya-phrf.com

For additional information, comments and recommendations, e-mail gya.phrf@gmail.com or call me at 228-617-6536.

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