

As we begin the new season, it is time to renew your PHRF certificate.

The YRALIS PHRF Committee encourages all owners to review the 2026 Regulations document, now available on the website. Changes from the 2025 rules are highlighted in red text throughout the document. Nearly all updates are minor evolutionary adjustments intended to keep the rule aligned with ongoing developments in materials, sail design, construction techniques, and current boatbuilding trends.

Cruising-oriented sailors will welcome updates related to roller furling systems, both for in-mast furling mainsails and cruising headsails. The associated rating adjustments are the most generous we have ever offered and should more equitably describe the performance compromise that these systems represent.

Competitive racers investing in the latest technologies and trends — including square-top mainsails and new racing sails — will note questions intended to better capture sail data when new sails are acquired. Note that this is not an attempt to turn PHRF into a measurement rule, but rather to ensure that we do not miss key performance factors or permit incorrect assumptions to creep into ratings. Our goal is to keep things fair and accurate for everyone.

The 2026 regulations initially included a provision relating to jib inhaulers. Following feedback received from members during the opening weeks of the season, the Committee determined that this section was creating confusion and was not effectively meeting its intended objective. An amendment has therefore been issued removing this provision from the rule.

Any certificates that were issued with inhauler-related adjustments will be automatically republished with those adjustments removed. No action is required from owners. We apologize for the confusion and appreciate the constructive feedback that allowed us to address the issue early in the season before it became a broader concern.

If you have any questions regarding the PHRF system, certificate applications, or technical interpretation of the rules, please feel free to contact your assigned handicapper at any time.

In addition, the Committee will be hosting an open “office hours” session, and an invitation accompanies this message.

We wish everyone a successful and enjoyable racing season.

The YRALIS PHRF Committee