

Class and Course Evaluation Committee Report 2017

Per the DRYA By-laws Article VIII, Section 8.2, the Class and Course Evaluation Committee shall meet before March 1 of each year and shall make written recommendations to the Executive Committee before the April meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Class and Course Evaluation Committee met at 7:00 PM on February 16, 2017 at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. Participants included: VC Dale MacPherson, CH Chuck Drummond, PHRF Rep Jim Rapelje, C Course Rep Ross Nuechterlein, Offshore One Design Rep Frank Kern, A Course PRO Norm Samra, Race Statistics Mike McGuire, and Treasurer Tom Vickers. Beer was provided and enjoyed.

Race participation data for 2013 thru 2016 was reviewed, analyzed, and discussed. Conclusion: Nothing has significantly changed other than with the addition of the Warhorse Class, the PHRF 2 average participation went down, as many of the class moved to Warhorse.

Number and order of starts was reviewed and discussed. Upon review, 70% of PHRF 1 boats are rated faster than a J120. To have a consistent starting sequence with slower boats starting first, a change is recommended.

- **Recommendation: Revise starting sequence on “A” course. Move J120 from start 8 to start 7, move PHRF 1 from start 7 to start 8.**

Class splits and course assignments were reviewed and discussed. It was determined that no changes are required at this time.

C&C 35 Class requested to eliminate the GPYC July 7 regatta from their class schedule. Current scoring practice is, if no boats in a class are present for a race, then the race does not count toward that Class Season Championship and the number of races required to qualify for the Class Season Championship is reduced. The race does however count for DRYA Overall Season Championship (between classes).

- **Recommendation: Grant request and thank C&C 35 Class for informing us in advance of their absence.**

Location of the “A” Course was discussed. We have received feedback from sailors who would like the “A” course moved closer to the river to minimize travel time for them. The general consensus is that the vast majority of the participants are coming from Clubs south of the “A” course. The current “A” course location allows for a 2 NM diameter circle, as the course moves south it requires the race circle to become smaller due to the available water. Moving the course 1 NM south requires the race circle to be 1.5 NM in diameter. In the interest of doing everything we can to support the sailors the thought is to give this a try. Moving 1 NM south is the farthest we feel we can go. If the area proves to be too small we can always move back north a bit to enlarge the circle.

- **Recommendation: Move the center of the “A” course race circle 1 NM south from 42 25.9 N, 082 50.625 W to 42 25.15 N, 082 51.250 W and reduce the circle from 2 NM in diameter to 1.5 NM in diameter. (New coordinates to be verified)**

“C” course starting time was discussed. The “C” course fleet representative presented a request from “C” course sailors to have the “C” course start time moved from 12:00 PM to 10:30 AM to align with “A” course start time and to finish racing earlier in the day. This had been previously discussed with and agreed to by the C Course PRO Ron Spies.

- **Recommendation: Change ‘C’ Course start time from 12:00 PM to 10:30 AM.**