

PHRF BC

HANDICAPPERS WATCH LIST

Purpose

The Handicappers Watch List was initiated in 2009 to transparently highlight yachts for race results monitoring. This list and its use formalizes a process for Handicappers, and indirectly competitors, to be involved in the refinement of the PHRF system in BC.

Candidates for the Handicappers Watch List may be nominated for three reasons:

- 1) Yachts whose speed potential appears to be consistently faster than their adjusted base yacht rating accounts for.
- 2) Yachts racing with modifications for which a Miscellaneous Adjustment has been made where that Miscellaneous Adjustment may not accurately reflect the significance of the modification on speed potential.
- 3) Yachts whose base yacht rating may be set incorrectly low and where results monitoring will allow the Handicappers Committee to assess a base rating change to something slower if warranted.

A yacht owner cannot nominate his own yacht.

Process

The following process does not replace the standard PHRF Appeals process. Rather it is meant to augment the opportunity for participants to assist in refining the PHRF rating system for their fleets.

1. Written nomination and supporting evidence.

Candidates for the Handicappers Watch List may be identified by their Club Handicapper or by a direct competitor through their Club Handicapper.

Club Handicappers can nominate any yacht with a current PHRF BC certificate at any time in writing and with supporting race results.

If the candidate yacht is being nominated by a competitor that competitor must provide their Club Handicapper with a written outline of the reasons for nomination to the Handicappers Watch List and all race results for the past two seasons.

The Club Handicapper will vet the competitors' input and provide that information to the PHRF BC Chair and the Chief Handicapper for further review. The Club Handicapper will also supply information concerning the nominated yacht: crew skill, yacht preparedness, sail age/design, average weather/sea conditions in region vs yacht speed, fleet input (rating spread of division, skill of competitors, etc.).

The Club Handicapper will also review the nominated yacht's PHRF BC certificate for accuracy of all yacht dimensions and sail measurements vs the yacht's as sailed configuration.

2. Evidence review.

The Club Handicapper, Chief Handicapper and PHRF BC Committee Chair will review the evidence provided. Also to be reviewed: Base yacht ratings for the nominated yacht make/model throughout all PHRF jurisdictions, results analysis.

Once this review is completed a decision will be made to either continue with the Watch List nomination or recommend waiting for further race results

3. Nomination to Handicappers Watch List.

Once reviewed and a consistent case identified that the nominated yacht may be incorrectly rated the nominated yacht's owner will be immediately notified. The owner will be given the opportunity to add any pertinent information they may have to the discussion in a timely manner.

Owner's information will be reviewed by The Club Handicapper, Chief Handicapper and PHRF BC Committee Chair.

Pending this review the yacht's nomination may be dismissed or the nominated yacht will be placed on the Handicappers Watch List.

Owners of nominated yachts should be prepared for an Appeal Hearing of their base yacht rating at the next PHRF BC Appeals Meeting brought by the Handicappers Committee.

4. Review of Handicappers Watch List and Appeal for Rating Change.

All yachts on the Handicappers Watch List will be reviewed biannually at the Spring and Fall Handicappers Meeting. Other than yachts previously notified of a Rating Appeal by the Handicappers Committee nominees will be reviewed to either remain on the Handicappers Watch List pending further results or be removed from the list for lack of results.