

From the Measurer;

As the weather warms and thoughts of spring emerge, now is the time to give some thought to getting your PHRF handicap straightened away for the 2009 sailing season. For those boats that want to race this year, a **2009 PHRF Handicap MUST BE OBTAINED.** The handicap certificates are only good for the year in which they are issued and need be renewed annually. If you plan to participate only in TYC sponsored events, then a TYC certificate is all that you need. Use the form found elsewhere on this website. TYC handicap forms will also be available in the Club House early this spring. There are a couple of changes to the TYC form this year, so please read it carefully. The most significant is that a credit of 3 seconds/mile will be provided for boats that have a Roller Furling drum mounted above deck and that you use this to furl your primary headsail. This credit is only applied to boats sailing non-spinnaker. So please indicate YES or NO in the appropriate space on the form.

If you plan to participate in races at other clubs, then you will need an ECSA certificate. ECSA certificates are available on line at www.ECSA.net. An ECSA certificate is valid for all TYC events as well.

All headsails, if not previously measured, require a measurement, and this means that they must be off the boat. This applies to your largest jib/Genoa and all spinnakers. If you are getting a new sail or having your sailmaker make some adjustments to your current inventory, have your sailmaker measure your sails, have him mark them, and send me the data on the sail maker's stationary. Otherwise we can arrange to measure your sails at the Club. Other measurements concerning the boat and rig can be made either in the boat yard or in most cases after launch. Remember that all boats intending to race in any race this season need a current 2009 PHRF handicap certificate prior to race entry even if nothing has changed from last year.

If there are any questions, please give me a call. We hope to see you out there soon,

Good Sailing
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