



PHRF of the Chesapeake, Inc.

**2025 Annual Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
6 December 2025**

Location – Holiday Inn Tappahannock

The meeting was called to order by Mayo Tabb, President and Jim Raper, Treasurer reported that we had a quorum of in person and zoom attendees.

Opening Remarks

Mayo Tabb reported that PHRF Chesapeake has 711 members and was in a strong position financially. The Cruising Class now represents nearly a quarter of our membership and has been a successful class to get new members out sailing in the Clubs that have supported it. However many Clubs have not offered Cruising Class starts and we encourage the Delegates to work with their Clubs to offer starts for the Cruising Class.

The biggest challenge facing PHRF Chesapeake is that racing on the Northern Bay has fragmented as multiple rating organizations have been embraced by the various Clubs. Therefore, a competitor has to have multiple certificates to race if they wish to leave their local Club. To better address the situation, we are proposing to split up the duties of the VP North into two positions; VP West for Annapolis area and VP North for the rest of Maryland. This change will give us three fairly even areas; North, West and South.

The rest of my report and the reports of all Board members is in the separate document – Board Reports 2025.

General Discussion

1.PHRF/CBYRA Seminars

It was decided that PHRF/CBYRA winter seminars a \$2800 was a value to our members. Our arrangement with CBYRA to co -sponsor the seminars needs to be set forth in a signed by both parties letter/contract.

The webinars will be on Wednesday nights, 7:30-9:00.

- 1 Dave Perry 4 webinars a variety of topics
- 2 Gary Jobson 3 webinars variety of topics
- 3 Chelsea Freas 2 webinars weather

- 4 Vakaros 1 webinar on their product
- 5 North Sails 1 webinar speed / trim

2. PHRF Championship

Executive Board to draw up contract with the OA's for holding a Championship

- i. Amount of financial support
- ii. Display of PHRF banner and other promotion
- iii. May be multi-day regatta or single day event of buoy or distance races
- iv. Counts as double points (like long distance races) and wild card for CBYRA High Point
- v. PHRF Championship will change to three trophies with all class winners on one trophy. When full it will be retired to skipper with most wins. If a tie it will go to winner with smallest average points difference between First and Second to reflect in sailing in the most competitive fleet
- vi. All participants must hold valid PHRF certificates or one time provision per PHRF rules issues by Club or other PHRF Handicapper
 - i. SBRW (HYC) and Stingray (FBYC) are possible repeat location. Looking for potential venue for Northern Championship with new SMSA regatta a possibility.

By-Law Proposals

1. Amend - **Article I - Name**

Section 1.1 - The name of this Association shall be PHRF of the Chesapeake, Inc. *which may be shortened to PHRF Chesapeake in communication.*

Passed

2. Delete **Article III Member section 3.1 and 3.2**

Section 3.1 - Any person, representing themselves, a syndicate, or an organization, who is the owner or charterer of a sailboat principally berthed, or raced, is eligible for membership in this Association. Only owners, or charterers, who are members of CBYRA, or a club belonging to CBYRA, are eligible to hold office in this Association. Membership applications must be provided in writing on the current year application form approved by a Chief Handicapper and the Executive Committee.

Section 3.2 - Non-Certificate Member Any person who is a member of CBYRA or a club belonging to CBYRA and who has held a PHRF certificate

for five years is eligible for membership in this Association upon written application in form approved by the Executive Committee.

Add new **Section 3.1** - Any individual holding a current rating certificate issued by PHRF of the Chesapeake is a member. A individual holding both a regular Valid and separate Cruising Class certificate shall count only a a single membership.

Change **Section 3.3 to read 3.2.**

Passed

3. Amend - **Article V – Officers**

Section 5.1 - The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected from among the current *or in the previous 5 years* membership of the Association by the Board of Delegates (Also change wording to match in other Bylaw paragraphs)

Section 5.3. change - *Three* Vice Presidents of the Association shall be selected from among the current or in the previous 5 years membership of the association: *VP South* from Region IV, VP West from Region III and VP North from Region I and II as defined by CBYRA.

Section 5.6 delete – “If the immediate Past President does not continue as a member of the Association, this position shall be vacant until election of a new President of the Association.”

add – If the past President becomes inactive or does not continue as a member of the association the Executive Board may appoint a previous past President to serve in the role.

Section 5.7 change “two Vice Presidents” to *three Vice Presidents*

Passed

Delegate Proposals

4. **Splits** – same as last year

1. Region 1,2, 3 and 4N

- i. A up to 109
- ii. B 110-148
- iii. C. 149 and higher

2. Region 4S

- iv. A up to 99
- v. B 100-148
- vi. C. 149 and higher

3. All Regions
 - i. Cruising Class Spinnaker
 - ii. Cruising Class Non- Spinnaker
 - iii. PHRF Non spinnaker

Passed

5. The Board shall draw up a contract with CBYRA for joint seminars
 - i. Amount of financial support
 - ii. CBYRA to provide mailing/internet artwork so can be sent to PHRF membership
 - iii. PHRF member can log-in to view delay broadcast

Passed

6. Allow Technora and Kelvar laminates with skins and corresponding North construction be allowed in Cruising Class.

The current Cruising Sail construction restricts sails to:
Headsails and Mainsails must be constructed of woven Polyester (Dacron), woven Polyester/ PE(Dynema) blend or laminated Polyester/PE with woven or non-woven skins on both sides. The North 3Di 330 and 370 qualify. Carbon, Technora, Kevlar and other advanced material are not permitted.

Should the restriction be loosened to allow sails with advanced Technora and Kelvar but not Carbon and drop requirement for skins. Mayo Tabb stated - in discussion with North, Quantum, Evolution and Dimension Sailcloth they feel that the current rule is the right break point. If allowed they say single piece laminate sails with Technora and Kelvar would be initially as fast as carbon but would loose shape/speed faster than carbon. Woven and laminated cloth of Technora and Kelvar has just about disappeared.

Failed

7. **Rating Certificate Fee Change** - Proposal from President Mayo Tabb to hold the current fees that support the operational cost of the organization including certificate processing.
 - 1 year PHRF cert - \$40
 - 2 year PHRF cert - \$60
 - 1 year CC cert - \$20
 - 2 year CC cert - \$30
 - 1 year Associate/crew membership - \$10
 - 1 year PHRF & CC cert - \$50
 - 2 year PHRF & CC cert- \$70
 - Expedite any of the above for 2 week turnaround – add \$50

Passed

8. **Budget Forecast/Proposal** - Presented by Jim Raper and can be seen in the Board Reports

Passed

9. **Election of Board of Directors for 2025**

Nominating Committee– Alan Bomar

President – Mayo Tabb

Sect./Treasurer – Jim Raper

VP North – Marc Biere

VP West - Nelson Pemberton

VP South – Greg Cutter

10. **Appointments for 2025 by the Newly Elected President**

Standing Nominating Committee – Alan Bomar

US Sailing Representative to Offshore Committee – Bruce Bingman

PHRF Representative to CBYRA – Nelson Pemberton

At Large Representatives to High Point Committee – Mayo Tabb

11. **Appointments for 2025 by the Newly Elected Vice Presidents**

Chief Handicapper, Northern Bay – Eric Crawford

Chief Handicapper, Southern Bay – Alan Bomar

Adjourn PHRF Chesapeake