

# PHRF DELTA Class Rules

- **Note: This document may be revised as the Registrations are entered to give more detail on who will sail in this Class.**
- PHRF Delta Class is open to all Registered Racing sailors with DRYA for the 2019 season.
- DRYA will offer two Delta starts for Windward/Leeward races, one on A Course, one on C Course and one start on all other Regattas. The boats that start on A Course shall have a provisional handicap 99 or lower. C Course boats shall have a provisional handicap 100 and higher. Boats from A and C Courses when sailing on other courses shall be combined into one start. By May 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 the PHRF splits shall be finalized and this document updated.
- DRYA will award a PHRF Delta Class Flag (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) for the year based on sailing a minimum number of six (6) races less any throw outs as set in the DRYA Scoring on the website PHRF Delta Classes are not eligible for the overall season PHRF awards.
- PHRF Ratings will be adjusted after every race using a Golf Handicap Method. The following race will use the revised PHRF handicap. These adjustments shall not be subject to appeal by the competitor. The Methodology will be confirmed prior to the first race and shown under Scoring on the DRYA website. The average of all boats corrected time racing in the Class will be calculated in seconds per nautical mile (S/NM). Each boats deviation in corrected time in S/NM from the fleet average will be multiplied by 70%, to calculate the credit (positive or negative). This credit will be added or subtracted to their previous speed in S/NM. A new handicap will then be calculated and applied to the next race Winning racers above the average will have their ratings lowered while losing racers will have their handicap raised to make the next race more competitive.
- A 2019 DRYA PHRF racing certificate and associated fees are required to participate in the PHRF Delta Class. The rating on this certificate will be used for the first race of the year.
- Three configurations will be allowed in the PHRF Delta Class; Symmetrical Spinnakers including Sprit boats(S), Asymmetrical Spinnakers with no spinnaker pole (ASM), and a Jib and Main (JAM)
- Each competitor must declare the sailing configuration (S, ASM, JAM) that they will use for the entire year. If the competitor wishes to change the configuration any time after the first race, they must notify the DRYA regarding the change and the handicap shall be adjusted for the next race. The adjustment for the boat will be the difference between the ratings for the three configurations shown on his certificate between his current and chosen configuration. Typically the difference between S and ASM is 6 S/NM and between ASM and JAM is 6 to 18 S/NM. If the competitor buys a new sail or sails he must notify DRYA of the change and an adjustment may be applied.
- “Guest” boats for DRYA Member Club Regattas are excluded from this PHRF Delta Class.
- The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, including US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply for all Races by the PHRF Delta Class.
- Class Flag will be the D Flag.(TBD)

- PHRF Delta Class boats conform to Handbook section 15: Rules, Credits and Configuration; All yachts shall comply with the Handicap Review Board Document Section 15 rules. The ASM Configuration will have the following limits: No symmetrical spinnakers will be allowed and asymmetrical spinnakers are limited to 2 on board, whisker or spinnaker poles may be used only for poling out headsails, Asym spinnakers may be flown provided they (a) are flown without a whisker or spinnaker pole and (b) are attached to a tack point(or are attached to a tack line that is led to a tack point) that is no more than 12 inches forward of the jib tack point on the centerline of the hull. Jib and main (JAM) may not fly any spinnakers or staysails.
- The Spokesperson for this PHRF Delta Class will initially be specified as the DRYA PHRF Representative, Mr. James Rapelje.

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