

CFSA Skipper's Meeting Friday, 14 October 2016 at 1830 hrs Chair: Graham Heath, CFSA Racing Class Captain

Record of Decisions

Agenda Items:

- 1) **2017 Keel Boat Racing Calendar** - I have produced two drafts of the 2017 calendar. Events and scheduling are basically the same as last year. Note: Awards night Saturday 11 February. The choices for the CFSA Regatta are 10/11 June or 17/18 June. Either option is workable, the earlier regatta date might be better for people going away cruising, the later date might work better for visitors planning on doing the GIN race to Nanaimo. **Discussion – positives and negatives were discussed, the later date was better for spacing from other regattas, earlier date better for people going away. 18 June is Father's Day and some thought that would impact attendance and availability of volunteers. Decision - the 2017 Regatta will be scheduled for 10/11 June. The Lady Skipper race will be held as a second race following series race A4 on 12 Feb, A4 will start at 1100 instead of 1200.**

- 2) **Round Pender Race** - CFSA will be hosting a round Pender Island race on 19 Aug 2017, Alex Foley is setting it up. This will be a fun race open to everyone and is intended to be friendly to casual racers and cruisers. There will be a need for some volunteer support from CFSA. It should be a fun event, encouraging participation is key. **For information, start spreading the word!**

- 3) **CFSA Sailing Instructions** – The current edition of club Sis was published in February of 2013. Since they were first published there have been two amendments. I have produced a new version of the Sis I would like to put in effect 01 January 2017. The new version incorporates amendments made to the previous version and changes the organization slightly to have separate sections for Series Races, Distance Races, and Special Races. A new section is added on the Cock of the Walk challenge pennants. The draft has been posted on the website for some time and I have had a few comments, mostly editorial items that I have corrected. There are a couple of things I have added that should be discussed before finalizing the document:
 - a) **SECTION A General Sailing Instructions 2.7:** Among other things we are requiring boats to carry a VHF and display a Radar Reflector this requirement has been there for some time and I get hints it is not being followed, **is this supported? Decision – these are both valid requirements, Racers and Racing Captain to monitor compliance.**
 - b) **SECTION A General Sailing Instructions 7.0:** In 7.2 I have required RC to monitor VHF Ch 09 and in 7.3 I have required boats racing to monitor VHF Ch 09, these are new requirements. The purpose is to pass race information, and deal with safety issues. **Is there support for this**

requirement? We could make it a recommendation for boats racing instead of a requirement. **Decision – RC monitoring VHF09 will be a requirement, Racers monitoring VHF09 will be recommended.**

- c) **SECTION B Series Races 1.2:** This section is a description of Division 3 it has not changed from previous Sis. We have had little participation in Division 3. For a short time last summer we had some boats get together and race NFS in Division 3. **Propose we leave it as is and fit boats into Div 3 if any become interested. Decision- Div 3 criteria will remain as is to allow flexibility for any group of boats that may want to participate in Div 3.**
- d) **SECTION B Series Races 4.5:** This is the addition of a 10 min time limit to start a race. Boats will have 10 minutes from the starting signal to get over the start line or be scored Did Not Start. In previous versions of the Sis there has been no time limit to make the start, and some RCs suggested it would be a good idea to have some time limit particularly for LD races. **Do we need a time limit on the start? Decision – boats starting late has not been a very common occurrence or a big problem. A time limit to start will not be included in the Sis.**
- 4) **Division splits for 2017.** The Fleet Captain is to review the division split annually to maintain a balanced racing fleet, the skippers meeting is the best opportunity to discuss how to split between Division 1 and Division 2. The objective is to maintain relatively equal numbers of boats in the two divisions and to maintain competitiveness within the divisions. The current method is to divide Div 1 from Div 2 at a chosen as-sailed rating. For 2016 the divide was set with 191 (Feisty) and faster assigned to Div 1. This division split kept the same boats in Div 1 and 2 as the previous year when we used PHRF NW ratings. There has been some discussion about splitting the divisions by criteria other than strictly the as-sailed rating in order to keep similar boats racing against each other. The question is whether very dissimilar boats with similar ratings can be competitive against each other in CFSA Series races. For example, can Hessian at 13,800 lb rated 157 compete against Jaguar at 3,600lb rated 150 on short course series races? At the meeting we should discuss options such as 1) Leave as is 2) Split by Sail Area/Displacement ratio (Sa/D) 3) Split by Displacement only 4) Split into "Racers" and "Cruisers" based on Sa/D and a judgement call. **Options for division splits? Decision – after a lengthy discussion, there did not appear to be a way to split the divisions so that the numbers were balanced AND we have like boats competing against like. The division split will remain as is with PHRF 191 (Feisty) and faster in division 1, remainder in Division 2.**
- 5) **Awards Night** – Date in the draft calendar is Saturday 11 February, which will be **not** the night before a LD race. It will be the “Family Day” long weekend, Monday 13 February is a holiday. **Any other suggestions for dates?** The steak BBQ followed by awards has been popular, I would like a boat to volunteer to do the BBQ. **Decision – Saturday 18 February will be awards night (not on a long weekend and not the night before a LD race). Jen Harvey (Suncatcher) volunteered to do the BBQ, thanks Jen!**
- 6) **CFSA Regatta** – Scheduled for June, planning has to start early in the New Year. To get it going we will need a volunteer Regatta Chairman. The chairman will need a committee of volunteers to

organize On-Water, Shoreside, and Entertainment aspects of the regatta. **Are you going to do it again Neil? Neil Porter volunteered to be Regatta Chair again for 2017, thanks Neil!**

7) **Open Discussion**

- a) **Kevin Greenwood advised of a free software package called raceQs available at <http://raceqs.com/>. The application will allow race tracking via anyone's onboard smartphone. Kevin will post further info on the facebook page so racers can try it out.**
- b) **Graham Heath advised of the upcoming VIRS participant forum 19 Nov at RVYC. Details will be posted on the CFSA racing facebook page and on the CFSA website.**
- c) **Kerry Blaaw initiated a discussion regarding racer's satisfaction with PHRF BC or PHRF NW as handicapping agencies. Two boats (Suncatcher and Final Dash) have ratings appeals to be heard at the PHRF BC Fall Appeals meeting, there are a number of other appeals from Island boats. It will be interesting to see how the process goes.**

8) **Closing Remarks** **The Fleet Captain thanked everyone for attending.**