

## **LGYC Policy for determining Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) handicaps**

In order to have a fair, equitable and consistent process for assigning and adjusting PHRF handicaps, the following policy was adopted by the Lake Granby Yacht Club March 19, 2022.

1. The base handicaps for each boat will primarily be determined using the most current History of US PHRF Affiliated Fleet Handicaps as published by the United States Sailing Association, which contains the handicaps for most every make of boat and boat configuration (Class) in the US. The configuration (Class) ratings are based on a boat's physical characteristics such as, height of mast, type of keel, type of motor, etc. The Handicap Base Ratings are then listed for fleets in various locations/areas throughout the US. The location that applies to LGYC is the Inter-Mountain Lakes (SAIL- COLORADO). The base handicaps and typical adjusted handicaps for each boat in the Fleet will be shown on the LGYC website.
2. **Base Handicap:** The base handicap for an individual boat/class will be determined as follows:
  - a. If there is a handicap rating listed under SAIL- COLORADO for the specified boat/class in the current Handicap Book, that rating will be used.
  - b. If there is not a handicap rating listed under SAIL- COLORADO for the specified boat/class but was listed under SAIL- COLORADO in an earlier Handicaps Book, that rating will be used.
  - c. If there is not a handicap listed under the current or previous SAIL- COLORADO for the specified boat/class, then the handicap rating will be determined by averaging the ratings for all the fleets listed for that specific boat/class after throwing out the high and low values.
  - d. If an individual believes the assigned handicap rating was incorrect, they may appeal by submitting an application to Sail-Colorado requesting a new handicap. If granted, the new base handicap rating will be used.
3. **Handicap Adjustments:** The PHRF base handicap rating for each boat/class normally assumes a boat will be racing with a spinnaker and a #1 (141 to 155%) headsail. It is the policy of LGYC to allow adjustments to the base handicap depending on the use of spinnakers or different sized headsails. Skippers need to notify the Race Chairman of their normal sail configuration and that configuration will be posted on the website. In the event a skipper wants to change the sail configuration, they must notify the Race Committee before the start of any race. Note that if a boat is raced with a more favorable sail configuration than declared at the beginning of a race, that boat will be disqualified (DSQ). The adjustment values are as follows:
  - a. 12 points will be added to the base handicap for a boat sailed without a spinnaker aboard. This rule only applies to boats whose class includes a spinnaker.
  - b. The following credits will be added to the base handicap for a headsail smaller than the assumed #1 headsail:
    - i. Sailed with a #2 (111% to 140%) headsail, 3 points will be added to the base handicap.
    - ii. Sailed with a #3 (up to 110%) headsail, 6 points will be added to the base handicap.
    - iii. This adjustment only applies to boats whose class includes an over-lapping headsail.