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			<u>Current</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Current</u>
			<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Proposed</u>

Section 2:

Competitor's boat name	Sail #	make	Buoy	RLC	OWC
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PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Re: Your boat's rating in PHRF of So Cal

Dear Member:

Enclosed you will find your renewal application for 2012. We hope you will complete and return it (with payment!). We'd also like to give you an opportunity to rate your boat, and those against which you compete. For this purpose, you'll also find, on the reverse of this letter (don't look now), a page with a bunch of blank boxes (ok, look, but come right back).

Plenty of you believe your boat is rated improperly. Some think there is a boat in your fleet which has a 'giff' rating, and discuss it in the tavern after racing, but are loath to challenge the rating because that is no way to make friends (it might be a great way to gain an unwelcome reputation). Hopefully we can solve some of these problems.

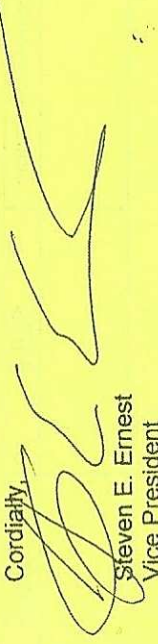
If you think all the boats are rated correctly, just send in your renewal as every other year, and thanks for the tacit compliment. If you think your boat is rated improperly, complete the lines about what your boat rates, and what you believe it should rate. Skip the rest of the form. If you think there is a boat against which you regularly race which is rated improperly, then identify that boat in the second section, and write what you believe it should rate. If you think both your boat, and others in your fleet are improperly rated, fill out both parts. You need only complete ratings which you think are wrong (if you only think your RLC rating is wrong, only fill that in, get the idea?). Information on present ratings can be found at www.phrfsocal.org under the heading "valid list."

We intend to analyze the information we get back carefully, and will delete outliers, so please don't make big changes unless you really feel they are warranted. Also, we only rate boats with numbers divisible by three, so brush up on some mathematics. Finally, our assumptions regarding ratings are for days when the wind is between 8-12 knots, seas are moderate, and the sun is shining. Don't give us rating information because some boat always wins when it is less than 5 knots, or when the triangle shaped red flags are flying on harbor patrol offices. We also assume every boat has a good crew, sails which were made the day before the regatta, the hull cleaned twice each day, anchor and 300 feet of chain out of the bow locker, and water tanks dry as the Sahara. So if your boat isn't 'race ready,' please don't figure that into your rating proposal. Specific information about boat preparation can be found at www.phrfsocal.org/ratingrequest/recommendationsforreview.pdf.

Submit one sheet per certificate you hold, but it will only be counted if it is accompanied by payment. If you send them separately, we'll throw it away. If you send 265 copies, we'll only use one. If you think more than five boats you compete against are rated wrong, it is you, not them. Also, so we can get started, and complete this timely, we'll only take these sheets until 20 January 2012. After that, you'll need to revert to complaining at the bar after races.

We do hope this project improves the racing fleet, and your experience racing in it. Go 'Canes.

Cordially,



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