

Minutes of the West Florida PHRF Inc 2025 Annual Meeting

Held on Friday, September 26, 2025 at Bradenton Yacht Club.

The President called to order at 19:03pm.

Quorum requirements were met according to By Laws Art XI, Section 2

Attendance of Officers and Directors:

Elected Officers – 1 year term	Present
Bob Armstrong – President	Yes
Manny Hontoria – Vice Pres	Yes
Clay Morris – Secretary	Yes
Dick Booth – Treasurer	Yes
Frank Selph Jr – Ratings Chair	Yes

Elected Directors – 2 year term		Present
Expiring Sept. 2025	George Pennington	Yes
	Charles Mixson	No
	Jim Mallory	Yes
Expiring Sept. 2026	Jamie Myers	No
	Jim Shenko	Yes
	Mike Kayusa	No
	Tom Horner	Yes

I. Previous Annual Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion from George Pennington and second by Dick Booth. Approved.

II. Amendments to the By Laws

- a. No bylaw amendments were proposed.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Mr. Booth gave the report from June1, 2024 to May 31, 2025, the WFPHRF fiscal year.
- b. Revenue for certificates was \$10383 below budget by \$2700 with expenses of \$12383, \$1069 below budget resulting in an operating loss of \$1999. The year ended with \$9867 in the bank.
- c. For this fiscal year's board approved budget with revenue of \$11845, expenses of \$12210 and a projected loss of \$365. The report was approved.

IV. Ratings Chair's report

- a. 194 certificates approved for this season already, almost twice the number of certificates issued at the end of September last year.
- b. Most of the changes made over the summer were in response to recent developments for non-overlapping headsails. Major changes to delineate overlapping v non-overlapping sails and credits or penalties depending on original boat design and sail %.
- c. A proposal from Technical Committee was received by the Board which recommended adjustments to recognize headsail variances to bring this region in line with other PHRF regions in base ratings in Spinnaker.
- d. Oversized spinnakers up to 125% were addressed with penalties and limits on which boats may or may not fly a cruising chute if numbers are not declared.
- e. Changes to multihulls are in the works and the Technical Committee is advising the Ratings Committee on some changes PHRF will look to implement after this season's racing.

- f. A question from the floor asked to what degree a J-27's base rating was increased and the Ratings Chair happily replied that he was content with the J 27's base rating which includes his boat.

V. President's Report

- a. The President noted that updates to the website were made on a timely basis and the Board now represents every region. If you have any questions, please make sure to work with your local rep to make sure you get answers.
- b. Boat of the Year Series are posted and ratings changes are recorded for the BYC Kick Off.
- c. Mr. Armstrong gave an example of increased marketing efforts around sharing of event information across the West Florida PHRF racing fleet. He noted that several boats were lost after COVID and recent storms affecting the five regions.
- d. Mr. Armstrong cited new perpetual trophies covering MultiCruiser in SWFL and announced a new participation trophy in honor of long-time volunteer George Pennington. The intent of this new participation trophy is to recognize participation across WFPHRF.
- e. Mr. Armstrong also noted about recent changes in the cruising class around spinnaker penalties and noted that improved competition was a result. Examples of improved participation from Bone Island and Helly Hansen where WFPHRF's direct involvement resulted in improved event management and increased competition in the area.
- f. Mr. Armstrong noted that registrations are significantly increased year on year. Not a single entry in non-spinnaker, pocket cruisers or racer-cruisers but lots of cruisers and spinnaker boats.
- g. Mr. Harkrider noted that several series are occurring and different series with different ratings rules result in a significant number of regattas. Mr. Armstrong noted that some of the ratings changes are intended to attract some of the ORC competitors back into WFPHRF and several boats were lost due to storm.
- h. Mr. Harkrider suggested that one big series be hosted rather than individual regions, but Mr. Hontoria noted that across all the regions over 25 events are hosted. Mr. Harkrider said he was focused on the Suncoast region in particular. A speaker noted that TSS' two events result in over 50 boats coming out to race.
- i. Mr. Armstrong noted that he would lead this discussion amongst the Board at its next meeting. He relayed that many of the fleet has transitioned to cruising boats on the west coast of Florida whereas there are very few young sailors.
- j. An unidentified speaker noted that she was unable to afford all of the expenses that are required to competitively race a sailboat. She felt that the individual clubs are not marketing sailboat racing rather than a criticism of the WFPHRF Board.
- k. Mr. Cussins noted that ancillary facilities that supported sailboat racing e.g., Sneed Island Boatworks have curtailed their support for sailboat racings. Mr. Armstrong welcomed suggestions from the floor and someone suggested that a survey be sent to boats that are no longer participating. An individual suggested that draft could easily be overcome.
- l. Mr. Horner asked whether there was a way to lobby the Army Corps of Engineers for priority.
- m. Mr. Cussins noted that Apollo Beach took up a grassroots effort to dredge.

VI. Old Business

VII. There was no old business

VIII. Election of Officer, Board and Rating Committee

- a. Mr. Armstrong noted that the nominating committee met and suggested to renew the current Board members and officers. Mr. Harkrider made a motion to accept the slate seconded by Mr. Selph, Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New business

- a. There was no new business.

X. Announcement of New Officers

- a. Mr. Armstrong presented the new officers and board members.

XI. Comments by Incoming President

- a. The incoming president noted that the outgoing president had already made all his points.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 19:35.