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Dear PHRF-LE Certificate Holder:

Enclosed is your 2011 PHRF renewal notice. Please note the following items:

E-mail Addresses- Please check your email address on your renewal form and update if incorrect / missing.

Roller Furling Headsail Credits are revised for 2011:

ACTION REQUIRED

- 3 sec/ nautical mile: Boat is limited to using 2 headsails*; the 2nd sail must be 110% or less.
- 6 sec/ nautical mile: Limited to one sail which must be constructed of woven Dacron or other polyester fibers with a minimum of 4 oz. fabric UV cover on the leech and foot of the sail

Please initial your understanding and request to continue your roller furling credit in the proper section of the renewal form.

If you purchase a **new** roller furling sail, please remember that the new sail must (1) meet the current standards, (2) a completed RF credit application must be filled out and sent in with the required sail measurement form (3) the qualifying sails must display the proper sail label that will be sent to you. The foot roach limitations are still in effect.

Spinnaker Allowances- "Code Zero Spinnakers" are Asymmetrical Spinnakers defined to have a mid-girth measurement 55% or more, and less than 75% of the foot length. Code 0 sails will be assessed a 3 second per mile penalty, and additional penalty could be imposed for exceeding sail area limits for Asymmetrical sails

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2009 U.S. Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing changes: Note, per U.S. Sailing Notice of Race for inter-club racing, U.S. Sailing Rule 87:

- No changes to class rules (e.g. PHRF-LE Class rules) are allowed in the NOR or sailing instructions without written permission of the class (PHRF-LE committee).

For example race organizers can no longer assign ratings at their discretion for boats without valid PHRF certificates by applying a 10 second penalty. This is not allowed per the PHRF-LE Class Rules. PHRF-LE has additional exceptions to this rule, e.g. single and double handed races can waive the crew minimum, out of area competitors with a valid PHRF certificate from their area can race in the PHRF-LE area **with the appropriate PHRF-LE** rating for their boat, and events where all participants are members of the organizing club are recommended to use PHRF-LE handicaps. See the PHRF-LE Rules, Article 7.8 (<http://www.phrf-le.org>)

PDF Renewals & Certificate- PHRF-LE will be submitting renewal applications by e-mail this year. If this is not acceptable to you, please send an e-mail note or letter to info@phrf-le.org ASAP.

PHRF-LE will provide your 2011 certificate as an electronic PDF to the e-mail address we have on file. Please review your e-mail on the enclosed notice and update it if necessary. If you receive your certificate by mail and you want a PDF copy, please send an email to info@phrf-le.org.

Web Site: We encourage you to view it for the class rules, ratings, and official forms. (<http://www.phrf-le.org>)

Financials- The Financial state of PHRF-LE remains strong. PHRF-LE's only income is dues. All expenditures are for administrative, mailing, web site and meeting costs. The 2010 membership was down slightly at 605 vs. 616 in 2009. The 2010 expenses were about the same as the dues income. As of 12/31/10, PHRF-LE had a healthy balance, about the level of a year of expenses. In 2011, we anticipate spending slightly more than our yearly income which will decrease the balance very slightly. We try to maintain a reserve of one year's operating expense. We have no major expenditures planned for 2011.

Forms & Information- The 2011 Class Rules, Applications & Forms, Regatta Schedule and our meeting minutes are found at our web site at <http://www.phrf-le.org> . Our minutes are always posted following the meeting in which they are approved. In addition, please remember the PHRF meeting held at the ILYA meetings in the Spring and Fall each year is open to the general membership

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Results: As always, PHRF-LE is looking for accurate race results. This year we are requesting each participating organization's Fleet Captain submit race results to results@phrf-le.org in MS Excel format. Sail number, boat class, elapsed time, corrected elapsed time and race distance is required. There is a recommended format in the forms section of our website. Please submit your organization's results throughout the season rather than waiting until the end of the season.

Good luck in 2011 and have a safe year racing.

Douglas L. Howe
PHRF-LE Chairman