

LNKC Board of Handicappers Policies

Organization. The Board of Handicappers (“the Board”) will be appointed annually at the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the LNKC and shall consist of two (2) handicappers from each member club. One member of the Board of Handicappers will be appointed as Chief Handicapper. The Chief Handicapper will act as Chairman at all meetings of the Board. A designated member of the Board will maintain the LNKC PHRF data base and will issue rating certificates to applicants desiring to race keelboats under PHRF at Lake Norman.

Meetings. The Board shall convene no less often than twice each year in February and August to conduct the business of the Board and to consider rating appeals. The Chief Handicapper will prepare and distribute to the members of the Board a meeting announcement and agenda, along with any documents or rating appeals to be considered by the Board, at least ten (10) days prior to each meeting. If a boat’s rating is to be discussed at a meeting, the owner/skipper will be promptly notified and will be given the opportunity to present relevant information at the meeting. The deliberations of the Board will be open to the Board members only. A quorum of four (4) members shall be required for the Board to take any action.

Base Ratings. The Board will establish a base rating for each properly completed rating request received by the Chief Handicapper. The base rating will be assigned upon consensus of the Board. Base ratings are established assuming that the boat is in compliance with the provisions of the LNKC Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications.

Race Ratings. Race ratings will be established by applying adjustments to the Base Ratings. Although considerations may warrant modifications, the adjustments most commonly applied for non conforming boats are as follows:

LP larger than 155% but not greater than 165%	-3 sec/mi
LP larger than 165% but not greater than 175%	-6 sec/mi
LP larger than 175%	-9 sec/mi
Oversize spinnaker pole	-3 sec/mi
Oversize spinnaker	-3 sec/mi
Hull or rig modifications	-6 sec/mi
Exposed 2-bladed fixed propeller	+3 sec/mi
Exposed 3-bladed fixed propeller	+6 sec/mi
Roller furling above deck with UV on leech and foot	
4 to 6 oz/yd ² (UV Dacron - 4.19 oz/yd ²)	+3 sec/mi
> 6 oz/yd ² (Stamoid Vinyl Dacron, Sunbrella)	+6 sec/mi

Adjustments other than those listed above will be made by consensus of the Board.

Rating Certificates. Rating certificates will be issued with no expiration date. The Board will confirm current data for each certificate every three (3) years and will retire the rating for a boat that is no longer being raced at Lake Norman by the certificate holder.

Rating Changes. Ratings may be changed during any regular meeting by a vote of the Board. Any handicapper may request that the Board consider a change to a boat's rating by requesting that a discussion of the rating be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board. The handicapper advocating the change must present information to support the change in the form of race results, personal observations of the boat's racing performance, or known deviations from assumptions used to establish the rating.

Appeals. Formal appeals of ratings are made to the Chief Handicapper. A skipper may appeal his or her boat's rating or that of another boat. Appellants set forth their views in writing, and document their case with supporting information. Appeals must be submitted utilizing the Rating Appeal Form available at www.lnkc.com. The identity of a skipper appealing the rating of a boat other than his own will be held in confidence.

Single Event Ratings. Single Event Rating Certificates may be issued to boats competing in races at Lake Norman. Certificates from other areas of the country will not be valid for events being conducted under LNKC PHRF handicapping guidelines and policies. Single Event Rating Certificates will be issued by the Chief Handicapper or a host club handicapper, must be signed by the handicapper issuing the rating, and will be valid for only that single event. Single Event Rating Certificates may be hand written.