

2020 GLSS AGM Voting Ballot Details

Summary

There will be a short discussion and a membership vote on the following items during the 2020 Annual General Membership meeting. As a reminder, only members that have paid their 2020 dues are considered active members and able to vote on these items. Membership dues can be paid on the GLSS website, <https://www.solosailors.org/society/membership-dues/>

Items to be voted on during the 2020 AGM

1. Skippers should have the option to use a **'Modified'** PHRF rating using credits for smaller LP or no spinnaker (JAM)
 - a. Agree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Abstain

2. Should GLSS use the **'Distance Rating'** or a **'Buoy rating'** where such a rating exists.
 - a. Distance Rating
 - b. Buoy Rating
 - c. Abstain

3. GLSS should require **Mandatory use** of a rating certificate issued by a handicapping organization that issues certificates for the lake that the event takes place.
 - a. Agree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Abstain

The following is a little background about each of the items

Item #1

During the 2019 sailing season there were cases where a boat entered into an event using a rating certificate that did not reflect use of full sailing apparatus (i.e. full Genoa, spinnaker) typically used in the past.

One example noted is where a participant that used a PJAM rating issued by DRYA in the PH to Mac Challenge that was 9 seconds per mile greater than the rating he used for several years. This participant declared that he would not be using a spinnaker sail.

Another example is a participant (whose normal DRYA rating is 138 seconds per mile) used a separate DRYA rating issue to him as a **'Single Handed'** rating with a 9 second per mile credit for using only a non-overlapping jib sail versus a full Genoa.

Item #2

Lake Michigan now issues dual ratings for boats that include a different rating for '**Distance Races**' vs. shorter '**Buoy**' races. Currently the Buoy rating has been used and changing to the distance rating would affect several boats on Lake Michigan, in one case a 7 second per mile penalty.

Although Lake Michigan is the only association doing so it is expected that other lakes will follow the lead.

The following link is the Lake Michigan PHRF explanation of Distance Handicap (DHCP) and when it should be used. <https://lmphrf.org/index.php/information/understanding-your-handicap>

Item #3

For those who venture out to other Lakes to participate in the challenges, the current option of getting a rating certificate for that lake is up to the participant, except in the case of Lake Ontario where it is mandatory to obtain a Lake Ontario rating.