



Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet

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The Oregon and SW Washington PHRF-NW Regional Sub-Council welcome you this racing season. This area offers a variety of sailboat racing for the sailing enthusiast. For those with smaller boats, clubs on the Willamette River and on Vancouver Lake offer one-design racing formats. For the sailors racing boats on the Columbia River who do not have the required number of one-design class boats for competition, handicap racing is available.

The majority of races on the Columbia River, as well as offshore, are held using a handicapping system known as PHRF. This well-established system has enabled skippers and crew on different types of boats to compete on a “level” playing field. Each boat is given a handicap based on boat type and performance history. Records are reviewed periodically to verify the handicap fairness. Ratings are not based on formulas of boat parameters and rule interpretations, but on a boat’s potential to win based on its actual performance and speed potential. If you are planning to race, it is important to join PHRF-NW to obtain a rating for your boats. Without a rating certificate, boats are not eligible to participate in PHRF races. Annual membership dues are \$60.00.

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