



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 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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