



For everyone thinking about racing this season:

With winter ending in just a few short weeks, you will be heading to the boat yard and starting to commission your boat for the coming sailing season. Part of the spring commissioning is getting your paperwork squared away. Insurance renewals, updated registration, sailing club memberships and an updated PHRF Certificate.

Headsails:

As a general rule, all headsails, if not previously measured, require a Measurement. This means that they must be off the boat. This applies to your largest Jib/Genoa and all spinnakers. If you are getting a new sail or having your sail maker make some adjustments to your current inventory, please have your sail maker measure your sails, and send me the data on the sail maker's stationary. Otherwise, please contact Daniel Andrews (dandrews31@cox.net) to arrange a time to get your sails measured.

Other measurements concerning the boat and rig can be made either in the boat yard or on the water.

- If you have never raced before or are a seasoned racer who would like to participate in TYC club races, a current year TYC PHRF Certificate or [ECSA PHRF Certificate](#) will be required for race registration.
- If you are planning to race in weekend regattas sponsored by other clubs, you will need a current year [ECSA PHRF Certificate](#).
- ECSA PHRF Certificates are valid for all TYC club regattas.
- If your sail inventory has remained the same since your last PHRF Certificate, you still need to get a PHRF Certificate for the current year.
- A full definition of boat ratings can be found on the [ECSA](#) web site or on the US Sailing web site.

If you have any questions about the process of getting a PHRF Certificate, call or email me. I am here to help.

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