



New England PHRF Rating – Fair and Competitive Sailboat Handicapping

The **New England PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet)** rating system is used to establish a fair handicapping standard for sailboat racing in the New England region. PHRF ratings are time-on-distance handicaps expressed in seconds per mile, allowing boats of varying designs and performance characteristics to compete on an even playing field.

The **New England PHRF organization** assigns ratings based on a sailboat's potential speed, considering factors such as hull design, sail area, displacement, and rig configuration. Ratings are periodically reviewed and updated to ensure fairness based on real-world performance data.

Key Features of New England PHRF Rating:

- **Handicap Ratings:** Time correction factors (TCFs) are applied to race results to adjust for differences in boat performance.
- **Regional Consistency:** The New England PHRF maintains a standardized rating database, ensuring consistency across local racing fleets.
- **Rating Certificates:** Competitors receive official rating certificates, which are required for participation in PHRF-sanctioned events.
- **Appeals and Adjustments:** Skippers can appeal their rating if they believe it inaccurately reflects their boat's performance.

Why It Matters:

The New England PHRF rating promotes **competitive and equitable racing** by allowing diverse fleets—from cruisers to high-performance racers—to compete based on corrected times rather than raw speeds. It is widely used in club races, regattas, and major sailing events throughout the region.

For more information, rating applications, or to view current ratings, visit the **New England PHRF website** at www.phrfne.org.