

Notice to Competitors RE: Sails not compliant under PHRF-LO Class Rules

It has come to LOOR's attention that the same question has been put to PHRF-LO several times. It relates to a free flying headsail flown off the sprit with a mid-girth of 69% of the foot. The response from PHRF-LO stated that a sail of that description is not allowed by PHRF-LO. The [PHRF-LO Handicappers' Manual](#) defines sail types that are allowed in section 3 as follows:

Headsail must be attached to the forestay and be <75% mid-girth, a Spinnaker is free flying and must be at least 75% mid-girth.

These definitions are in ERS G.1.3d and ERS G.1.3f respectively.

If it does not meet these definitions, then it can not be used when racing under PHRF-LO Class Rules.

Racers are also reminded that the sail configuration used during the race must comply with the configuration on their current valid PHRF-LO certificate available on www.phrf-lo.org.

Racing with a sail configuration in violation of your PHRF-LO certificate on file could result in a protest by **other competitors**, the race committee or the technical committee. If found to have infringed the PHRF-LO certificate on file, the Protest Committee has the discretion and depending on the circumstances to assess a penalty less than DSQ, a DSQ or escalate the matter.

All LOOR events use the [PHRF-LO Class Rules](#) without amendments for PHRF, rules from other PHRF areas do not apply.

We are issuing this Notice in the hope that the competition can be settled fairly on the water without the need or having it determined in a hearing.

LOOR OA, Race Committee and Technical Committee