CLASSIC RATING FORMULA

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Dear Classic Yacht Competitor,

As you receive this letter, the 2017 CRF website is live and you may apply for your 2017 CRF MkII certificate at classicratingformula.com . We urge you to apply for your new rating certificate as soon as possible as there are over 550 yachts in the CRF database that require issuance of a 2017 CRF MkII rating certificate.The CRF MkII rating will be fully transparent, meaning that all data inputs for your rating will be supplied by you and all certificate data on any rated yacht--not including personal info--may be viewed by interested certificate holders. The rating will also be free of subjective rating adjustments.

As of now, the application process is open, however there are numerous other features of the website that are planned over the next few months; we appreciate your patience as we continue to create a simplified autofill application for all previously rated CRF yachts, unveil a directory of all rated yachts, streamline reporting of your certificate to the different race management officials, improve the process to change inaccuracies in your yacht data, plus much more.

To help get you started with your new CRF MkII rating please see the following:

APPLICATION PROCESS. To start your application for a 2017 CRF MkII rating go to classicratingformula.com and click the tab for GET/RENEW a CRF, on that page click the BLUE application link. The online application is designed to be completed and processed online. You will need to set up a new *user account with a password,* and then follow the directions to apply for a certificate. You will provide measurement and identification data on your yacht as well as personal information. You may find it easier to take measurement data from your prior CRF certificate, but be sure and double check this information as there may be mistakes from earlier data inputs. Please note that at any time you may save what you have input, and return to the site to complete your application. Also data from all new applications will be saved and the autofill feature will be active for future renewals.

For all applications you will need to supply the following data not previously captured for ratings calculations

1. Maximum draft with centerboard extended. (CRF'16 does not account for 'board down' draft)
2. Distance from the mast to the tack point of an asymmetrical spinnaker
3. A 'closest match to sample sketches' declaration for keel and rudder configuration (samples provided on the application)

To ensure the rating is as accurate as possible, please double check all input fields as there may be mistakes from prior data inputs. You will have several opportunities to do this before submitting your application.

CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE. Once you have submitted your application, your rating will be automatically calculated. However, to better ensure rating accuracy Adam and I will review each certificate before issuing, so please allow sufficient time to complete the process. Note that initially, rating certificates will not be issued until the end of April-early May. This lag time will dramatically shrink as we progress into the spring.

A link to your certificate will be sent to you via email. You may send this link to race organizers if they require a copy of your certificate.

PAYMENT. For 2017, the $50 fee for your certificate will be complimentary and paid by the Classic Yacht Owners Association (CYOA), so you do not need to complete that field on the application. After this year, annual renewals may be paid with major credit cards

QUESTIONS. Attached is a list of FAQs that may be helpful in answering additional questions that you have on the process as well as on completing your application. If you should have questions about the application process please contact us at classicratings@gmail.com.

Lastly, we would appreciate your feedback on how the process, the application or website can be improved. Please send us your recommendations for future improvements at classicratings@gmail.com.

Many Thanks.

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