

PHRF Measurement Rules & Definitions

1. Yachts must race in the trim declared on the application form and set out on the PHRF Certificate.
2. The method of measuring sails and boats shall be set out in the IRC regulations in force at the time, unless otherwise stated. It is not intended that sails and boats shall be officially measured unless they have been declared to be of a size which exceeds the normal dimensions which may be carried without penalty under the IRC Rules. <http://ircrating.org/>
3. **Definitions:**
The current IRC definitions apply. These include any published changes after the IRC Year Book has been distributed. The only exception is for a Flying Headsail which shall be declared separately in PHRF (see definition below).

Flying Headsail definition:

A Flying Headsail for purposes of PHRF is defined under IRC rules as a headsail and has the following additional characteristics:

- a. The sail's luff is not normally attached to a permanent working sail forestay AND
- b. The tack is attached in front of the yacht's permanent working sail forestay.

I and J measurements should be declared with respect to a yacht's declared headsail, not the separately declared Flying Headsail.

Current Rules and Definitions can be found at:

<http://ircrating.org/technical-a-certification/rule-a-definitions>

See next page for measurement diagrams.

