In 2017 the club discussed the requirement for a current certification form to properly qualify your boat for the race program. The number one complaint was that the cost for a non-member of DRYA it was $75.00. North Star appealed the cost to DRYA and it was championed by Com. Chuck Drummond.

Think of the DRYA certificate as you would a vehicle registration. The funds raised from the DRYA membership and certification program are used to support yacht racing in the greater Detroit metropolitan area. It provides a protest committee and training and seminars to further promote yacht racing. You can go to http://drya.org and click on the Due & Fees tab to get complete registration requirements.

DRYA has reduced the cost of certification for 2018:

- DRYA Member CERT now $30 (was $45)
- DRYA Nonmember CERT now $35 (was $75)

A current Handicap Certificate shall be required for North Star Races, utilizing these criteria:

1. All series races will require a current DRYA certificate, non-current certificates shall incur a 5 second penalty.

2. Invitational races shall require a current DRYA Handicap Certificate, non-current certificates shall incur a 5 second penalty, with two exceptions:
   1. The Kent Sail / LLS Race
   2. North Star Birthday Race / North Star Women’s Race

   a. The Sloman Scramble will not require a current DRYA certificate, the race committee will utilize a rating data base for scheduling start sequence.
   b. A boat that races more than two invitational races a year will require a current DRYA Handicap Certificate or it will incur a 5 second penalty. The Kent Sail / LLS Race and the NorthStar Birthday Race count as two invitational races.
   c. NSSC will honor a DRYA Certificate for two years.

For your reference the page below is the DRYA Handicap Certificate Criteria applied to all PHRF (Spin & Asymmetrical) and JAM sailing boats for 2018.

If you have any questions or need help regarding an application for a DRYA handicap certificate, contact Bill Jenkins – North Star Race Committee and he or another member of the race committee will be glad to help.

North Star Race Committee
2018 RATINGS and Certifications

- **DRYA Member Registration Cert:** A DRYA member registered to race DRYA races may obtain a Handicap Certificate for his/her yacht to race in regattas sponsored by DRYA Member Clubs.

- **DRYA Member Handicap Cert:** A DRYA member not registered to race DRYA races may obtain a Handicap Certificate for his/her yacht to race in other Club or Invitational Races in the U.S.

- **Non-Member Handicap Cert:** A Non-DRYA member may obtain a Handicap Certificate for his/her yacht to race in other Club or Invitational Races in the U.S. (e.g. TYC Mill's Race, intra-club only, etc.)

- **Provisional Jib and Main (PJAM) Rating:** A person who wishes to race a yacht in regattas sponsored by DRYA Member Clubs or a non-DRYA Club, can request a PJAM rating. Clubs can use this JAM rating for their Club Races (no race limit). Only a rating is provided which will be listed on the DRYA's "PJAM VALID LIST". Rating is in force for one (1) calendar year.

For 2018, this PJAM can be used in 3 DRYA races during the year (see "2018 Rules for the Use of DRYA Provisional Jib & Main (PJAM) Ratings". (e.g.: Racers wanting to experience DRYA racing before committing to Membership; Club racers that need a boat JAM rating for their races, etc.) [http://drya.org](http://drya.org)