

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Minutes of the Regional Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 18, 2007

M/S/P to approve the minutes of the August, 2007 PHRF Regional Board Meeting with one "typo" correction.

Attendance: Rick Von Heydenreich, President; Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President; Steven Ernest, Judge Advocate; Cole Price, Chief Handicapper; Eric McClure (Area C); Robert Plant; Wes Selby & Dan Rossen (Area D); Steve Wyman (Area E/F); Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary.

New Business:

Columbia 30 Review: Requested by Dan Rossen (Area D). A review of all the Columbia 30's:

Dan presented his report to the board and a discussion ensued about these boats: how they race, race results, and how they compare with several other boats near their size (example: the Flying Tiger) The Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparing race results with several boats and suggested we get more race results and on the water observations before a decision is made. Note: Jezebel s/n 56610 has been sold and is out of the area. The review is tabled for now.

Old Business:

Big Boat Alignment Report – Chairman Robert Plant

Robert reported that The Chief Handicapper has not received the input from his advisors that they had hoped for so he and Robert will continue to finish the alignment process themselves and report to the board next month as a first reading.

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Wes Selby, Review Chairman

Wes reported that the report is complete, is being typed up and will be sent to each board member via email so that they can review/digest it and be able to discuss it in detail next month.

President's Report: The issues between US PHRF and PHRF of Southern California regarding Lizzie B are being addressed by USPHRF. They are allowing a PHRF of Southern California representative to participate as part of a hearing committee. The representative cannot be from Lizzie B's Area, B.

The PHRF President reported that the office needs a new computer along with a stronger, more business oriented printer/fax/copier. He is working with Anita to obtain the new equipment.

Vice President's Report: No report this month.

Data Systems Report: Not present

Area Reports:

A: Not present

B: Not present

C: No meeting this month.

D: The Area D board had a discussion about the Col30's. They also discussed the J124, MARISOL and voted to give her a +3 in Area D only. He also reported that they are beginning a review of the "bottom" finalists in their area with an eye to helping them by changing their ratings so they won't get discouraged and quit racing. A board member noted that although this review is very legal according to the rules he would like to see these reviews done at the regional level, but agreed that the local boards should try to help struggling boats with their ratings.

E: The Area E/F board met and recommends a rating of /27/21/18 for the J122 RESOLUTE s/n 7050. They also discussed the differences between the J120 and J122.

G: Not present

Provisional Rating's report: These boats were rated provisionally in July, August & September of 2006.

PENDRAGON (Melges32OD) s/n USA 127: [see #13 on the Chief Handicapper's Report]

PYEWACKET 9RP86) s/n USA 4; no response to emails

GINGER LEE (SCZ27) s/n 57313A [2nd certificate] no response to emails

VALKYRIE (DK46) s/n 7190 [see #15 on the Chief Handicappers Report]

DARE (Beck60) s/n 7200; no response to emails. The Area D representative noted that he spoke with him and he does not have enough races to make a report now.

- No boats that were rated provisionally in September of '06 are current members of PHRF
ABACUS s/n USA8 – FT10 meter
POGO s/n 56461 – a Pogo 40

All these boat's owners/managers were emailed and asked to present their race history to the board for evaluation on their provisional ratings.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. CUIDADO s/n 28236 (11 MTR OD) – Thomas Bollay – First Reading on restoring the OD Rating
Mr. Bollay is requesting an OD certificate for his boat. It was rescinded last year due to unreported changes/mods. Mr. Bollay addressed the board and handed out a new packet of information on his request to have his OD rating restored. The information compared the 11 MtrOD FLYING PIG to his boat plus the crews and race history. The Chief Handicapper asked him if he had a more current race data. He did not as he has not raced much. M/S/P to restore an OD rating for this boat of 78/75/69/ and change the PHRF rating to 75/72/66/ at this first reading.
2. TEASER s/n 97371 (SAN30PC) Mike Guccione & Guillaume Rasse – **Second Reading**
Based upon the boat owner's testimony, the board concluded the TEASER came from the factory with the keel and rudder currently on the boat. Consequently, a complaint against the owners for not disclosing rudder & keel changes was found not have merit. In May the Area B representative addressed the board and explained about the elliptical keels and rudders. The elliptical keel (with 6" deeper draft) and rudder that was put on TEASER was not reported to PHRF on the original application for the boat. After discussion, the board concluded with a motion to adjust TEASER by -3 seconds a mile for the elliptical keel and rudder. The board voted, M/S/P to rate TEASER /117/117/117/ regionally. The owners could not be at the meeting in June so the second reading was postponed until the July meeting which had to be cancelled (no quorum). There was a misconnection between the office and the owners of the boat which prevented them from attending the August meeting.
Mike and Guillaume addressed the board and presented data that showed that this keel change have not made any observable difference in the boat's performance. The information included letters from Tom Schock (Mfg of the boat) that the new keel does not make the boat go faster, plus several of his competitors. There was a note from the former ex-Chief Handicapper, Drew Friedes, stating that when the boat was originally rated he felt that the keel did not make any difference to the boat's performance. A short discussion ensued and then the boat's representatives were excused. The board continued the discussion. After learning of the boat's history: that it was not modified and after reviewing race history, the board voted, M/S/P that the current rating of /120/ will remain unchanged.
3. ITS OK – s/n US 7249 & 7249A (AND50) Lew Beery – Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
Last month the board voted to rate this boat with 2 certificates s/n US 7249 /-51/-54/-54/ and s/n 7249A /-60/-63/-63/. Lew addressed the board and told them that in his last race he finished last. He went on with the help of an Area D board member to tell the board how the race went. Lew was excused and the Chief Handicapper suggested keeping the first reading rating the same. After some discussion M/S/P to keep the rating at /-51/-54/-54/ for US 7249 and /-60/-63/-63/.
4. OUT PATIENT S/N 87138 (CAL29-2) Randy Alcorn – Initial Rating. Boat has oversized Spin & Pole
The owner sent an email stating that he had the spinnaker measured and the measurements are as he stated on his application. He says he is having a new spinnaker made but did not respond to an email asking for the measurements of the new spinnaker. The PHRF Secretary handed out copies of the application and the Chief Handicapper calculated the difference in the I: measurement. M/S/P to rate OUT PATIENT /177/177/177 which is

-3 for an oversized spinnaker. The certificate will note the -3 sec/mi for O/S spinnaker so that the rating assessment can be “unwound” if the boat owner decides to race with a spinnaker that is not oversized.

5. CHUPACABRIC s/n USA 214 (Open 5.7) Jerome Sammarcelli/Nik Vale - Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Jerome and Nik addressed the board explained about the boat and the owners which are fairly new to racing and handed out copies of recent race results. Several questions were asked about how the boat sails in light air and a discussion ensued about how the boat performs against the J-80. The men were excused and the discussion continued with some on the water observations added. Their rating now is /132/126/117/. The Chief Handicapper suggested that they give them +9, but take off the OWC rating as they have no lifelines. M/S/P to rate all the Open 5.7's /144/138/ and remove the OWC rating. This is a first reading.
6. RESOLUTE s/n 7050 (J122) Tim Fuller – Initial Rating
Tim was issued a temporary rating by the Chief Handicapper of /27/21/18/ for one race only over Labor Day. The Chairman of the Area E/F board addressed the board and told them that they had done some research on how this boat is rated in other states. They recommend /27/21/18/. The board discussed his input and the new features of this boat in general. M/S/P to rate RESOLUTE /27/21/18/.
7. MARISOL s/n 56443 (J124) Seth Hall – Request for Rating Review - First Reading.
The Secretary handed out copies of the information the owner sent in. Seth addressed the board and told them about the boat. He was asked what rating he wanted and replied that he really didn't know as it is such a new boat. He explained the race results and how the boat is maintained and raced. The Chief Handicapper asked him why he did not include a spinnaker pole on his application. He replied that he doesn't use a spinnaker pole. He was asked and answered many other questions and then was excused. The board discussed his presentation and the lack of using a spinnaker pole affecting the boat's performance. The board voted, M/S/P to keep his rating the same and encourage him to get and use a spinnaker pole to improve the boat's offwind racing performance.
NOTE: Area D has given him a +3/+3/+3 in their area to encourage him.
8. OCELOT s/n 28909 (Fox 44) Kevin Flanigan/Inland Sea Maritime Group – Initial Rating, New Boat
The Secretary handed out the application and the Chief Handicapper suggested /-12/-27/-36/ as a provisional rating. The Area E/F chairman addressed the board with his knowledge of the boat and her history. The board voted, M/S/P to rate OCELOT /-12/-27/-36/ provisionally.
9. MEDICINE MAN s/n 97777 (AND63) Robert Lane – Request for Rating Review - First Reading
John Bush and Keith Ivey along with the owner represented the boat. John addressed the board after the secretary handed out the information sent in by the owner. He handed out an additional spreadsheet of race results and explained how the boat is maintained and crewed. The board asked several questions about how the boat fared in several recent races. They explained their frustrations especially in buoy races which they will not be doing anymore. They asked for +15 seconds so they can be competitive. They answered a few more questions about how the boat does against OEX and PELIGROSO and then were excused. The board discussed their information and how the boat was rated originally plus all the changes that have been made to the boat over time. The Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparing MEDICINE MAN's performance against several others in her class. He suggested giving them the 15 seconds for RLC and OWC. After some more discussion the board voted to rate MEDICINE MAN /-93/-99/-102/ at this first reading.
10. RAVEN s/n 56604 (COL300D) Bill Brownson and Ward Brady – Request for Rating Review - First Reading
Bill addressed the board after the secretary handed out the information they sent in. He explained his request and stated because of the boat's configuration they are limited to a 110% jib while others have bigger jibs and compared his boat to an Antrim 27 and the J80. He went on to explain how the boat is maintained and crewed and how it fared in the '06 Ahmanson Cup and the '06 Dana Point series. He continued with race results and answered several more questions before being excused. The board discussed his statements and how sport boats are rated generally for average conditions. As the board discussed the boat the Chief Handicapper suggested that the board table this request and ask the owners to present race results for other boats affected by their request including MOSH PIT and CARTEL.
11. FAIRE WARNING s/n 46703 (MACG26) – Modification to a sail; new fat head sail
This boat was given a temporary rating of /195/ OWC for one race only [MdR to Seal Beach].
The board tabled a decision on a new rating for this boat till October when its original rating of 207/204/204 and this new sail will be reviewed, but the owner may race with the temporary rating of /195/ in the meantime.

12. XL s/n 45000 (ANTRIM40) –Anthony Barran – Requested by the Chief Handicapper
This boat was recently rated and the owner requested that it be rated using the same rig dimensions, but for the use of a bow sprit, with no spinnaker pole. The board voted to leave the provisional rating unchanged for now and add a note to the certificate stating “Sprint Boat - no use of spinnaker pole”. Also the secretary will send the owner a note asking him to update the weight/displacement of the boat now that the construction is complete.
13. ENDURANCE [formerly BROADWAY BABE] s/n 28767 (C&C110DK) Michael Stuzane –
The owner addressed the board and asked for the 6 seconds back because he will not use his oversized spinnaker. Rather he requested that the boat be rated for the use of spinnakers that comply with PHRF Class Rules. The rating for ENDURANCE will change from /81/78/72 to /87/84/78/ and the spinnaker dimensions on his certificate will be amended to reflect spinnakers that comply with Class Rules. To address the boat owner’s concerns about his non-spinnaker offset it was suggested that perhaps the owner should apply for a second certificate for the use of his asymmetrical spinnaker only to address the concern that he had regarding his non-spinnaker offset.
14. PENDRAGON s/n USA 127 (MLGS32OD) Howard Lewis – Request for Rating Review - First Reading
Howard addressed the board after the secretary handed out his information. He wants a second certificate to use a fractional jib top sail (155%) for RLC races only in very light air. He needs the second certificate because PENDRAGON is rated as a one design. He was excused and the board discussed his request. The board voted and approved a change of /-3/-6/-6 to /24/6/0/ on a second certificate allowing the use of this sail and keep the original provisional rating the same on the original certificate for now until all the Melges 32’s are reviewed, M/S/P.
15. VALKRIE s/n7190 (DK46) Andy Rasdal – Provisional rating review – First Reading
Andy addressed the board & handed out a large packet of race information on this boat. The Chief Handicapper handed out a spread sheet comparing VALKRIE to several other boats. Andy explained his information and answered questions about how the boat is sailed/raced plus crew information. He went on to compare VALKRIE and ZEPHYR. He said that the boat does not do well in RLC in races and asked for /-12/-15/-30/. He was excused and the board discussed his presentation. The board voted M/S/P to change by /+6/+9/0/ from /-21/-27/-30/ to /-15/-18/-30/ at this first reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM

Respectfully submitted
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Fleet Secretary

