

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2009

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett, Vice President Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price, Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Rick Gorman (Area C); Robert Plant, Dan Rossen & Wes Selby (Area D); Steve Wyman (Area E/F); Michael Roach & Mika Roberts (Area G) and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.
Guest: former PHRF President: Rick von Heydenreich

Meeting began at: 6:05 PM

The minutes of the February 2009 meeting were approved.

New Business:

The Area B Chairman addressed the board regarding providing our data base information to yacht clubs or race forums so they can promote races from that data. The PHRF Secretary stated that she already sends names and addresses of members to yacht club race organizers to be used to invite our members to specific regattas. The question is whether grant other race promoters such as associations who represent several yacht clubs access to our member's information. After some discussion it was decided to allow some yacht club associations access to our member's names, addresses and email addresses for specific regatta invitations only. Strong qualifications will be enforced. The Area B Chairman will discuss this with the association in question and get back to the board and PHRF Secretary.

Old Business:

Clarification of Rule 5.5.6c in Appendix A and how it might be modified to allow a block for a tack line for asymmetrical spinnakers to be located in front of the head-stay stem fitting to preclude interference with the bow pulpit. Rick von Heydenreich handed out a new definition and after some discussion the board voted: M/S/P to change the wording of Rule 5.5.6c as follows:

“When flown from a spinnaker pole normally used with a symmetrical spinnaker, the pole shall not exceed “SPL” without a rating adjustment. When flown without a pole the tack of the sail will be attached, either directly, with a pennant, or a tack line to a tack block that is anchored a distance that does not exceed 6 inches of the rated “SPL” for that boat. The anchor point of the tack or tack block shall be within 3 inches of the boat's centerline.”

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report: Wes Selby, Review Chairman – Wes will continue his work with the PHRF Chief Handicapper and report back next month.

President's Report: Christopher reported on the feed back he has had from various members and others about the board's decision regarding Dr. Schlessinger's membership. He also reported on the upcoming meeting with USPHRF. He and our Chief Handicapper will be representing PHRF SO CAL.

Vice President's Report: Eric reported that he is in contact with CBYC regarding the financial arrangements and the costs of hosting the CHAMPS Regatta at their club in August. It might be necessary to raise the price of the entry fees and/or cancel the regatta unless he can get more sponsors for the race or come to some agreement with CBYC.

Eric also noted that many competitors in the recent DRYC Berger Series were not current members of PHRF and added that he thought they should not be allowed to race in a PHRF sanctioned race without being members.

Data Systems Report: Not in attendance.

Area Reports:

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: The Area B Chairman also noted that many of the competitors in the DRYC Berger Series were not current members of PHRF and their decision was to write a letter to DRYC about their efforts to get the non member competitors to renew their memberships.

They had a first reading on the Martin 243, GIMMIE SHELTER, s/n 7800 and decided to give the boat a /+9/ on his buoy rating. RLC and OWC ratings will remain the same. The rating will go from 69/54/39 to 78/54/39/ in Area B only.

Area C: No meeting

Area D: The Area D board had a first reading on the N/M55, BOLT s/n 87299 which rates /-9/-12/-12/ now. They recommend a rating change to /-3/-6/-6/ to the Regional board.

The second reading on the BEN40.5, RAPID TRANSIT, s/n 97654 was tabled until June. They also tabled DOUBLETIME s/n 7550 until there are more race results provided.

Area E/F: The Area E/F board elected a new member, Ken Ziegler, which gives them seven members. It will greatly help them get a quorum for their meetings. They looked at the new Antrim 40, YIPPEE KAI YAY, which is on the Regional agenda tonight. They rated the Tartan 3700, VINCIAMO, s/n 56728, /99/99/99/. The PHRF Secretary was asked to send a certificate as soon as possible.

Area G: See their meeting notes on the Area G (San Diego PHRF) website.

Provisional Ratings Review:

NOTE: The PHRF Regional Board decided that from now on the boats that are up for a review of their provisional ratings will be sent to their Area Boards first for review. The area members know the boats and have a better knowledge of their race performance. If the areas feel the ratings are not correct they will make recommendations to the Regional Board.

BIEN ROULEE; 7447 (AND39) – Glenn Highland and Alan Andrews represented the boat. This boat has 3 certificates for different configurations. They want a rating change on s/n 7447 (fractional configuration) of /+6/+3/+6/. After some discussion the men were excused. The board voted, M/S/P, to table a rating change at this time and asked them for more race data, especially on the fractional configuration.

STARS & STRIPES; 61119 (FARR60) – Dennis Connor addressed the board summing up his race results and asked for the same rating as IT'S OK and STAGHOUND. He was excused; the board discussed the boat's performance and voted, M/S/P/, to give the boat a /+3/+6/+9/ at this first reading.

RIPPLE; 69933 (RPTIDE35) – the boat was not represented. The rating will remain provisional until next year.

YEMAYA; 1 (Harbor25) – some race results were sent in ... No change on this boat's rating. It will remain provisional for another year.

OEX; USA 88 (SCZ70M) – Bobby Frazier represented the boat stating that he intends to send in a request for a rating adjustment for next month with a spreadsheet of race results. No change at this time.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. PREVAIL s/n 28725 (SCZ52) William Guilfoyle - Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Also PARANOIA s/n 27007 (SCZ52) Rick von Heydenreich – Request for Rating Review.
Bill addressed the board first explaining the boat's race history. Rick also addressed the board regarding the race history of his boat. The men were excused and the board discussed these boats along with the SCZ50's. M/S/P/, to give all SCZ52's a /+6/+6/+6/. And send a request to all the SCZ52 owners asking them to prepare a spreadsheet comparing their race results as suggested on our website.
2. PHANTOM s/n KA100 (Custom designed Ketch) – Initial Rating
After looking over the application the board noticed that the applicant is not a member of an SCYA affiliated yacht club nor does he have a US Sail number. Rating decision tabled. The applicant will be notified.
3. RELENTLESS, s/n 35012 (1D35) Tim Fuller – Initial Rating – O/S pole & main and added bow sprit
The board discussed this boat and voted to rate her, /24/9/9/. It will be noted on the certificate that the spectacle has been removed and the rating reflects a non-conforming main.
4. CAYENNE, s/n 41626 (J37) Donald Becker & AG Kading - Request for Rating Review- First Reading
AG Kading addressed the board regarding his request, race history and comparisons with other boats. He asked for a +6 or +9 adjustment. He was excused and the board discussed the boat. The conclusion was to adjust this boat /+6/+6/+6/ in the Area. M/S/P. The rating will go from /75/75/75/ to 81/81/81/ in Area D.
5. YIPPEE KAI YAY, s/n Pending (Antrim 40) Barry & Sue Senescu – Initial Rating
Barry & Sue Senescu along with the designer, Jim Antrim, addressed the board about this new Antrim 40. The boat will not be ready to race until May. The board tabled a rating and asked them to prepare a spreadsheet comparing the VPP's of this new design with the XL and provide race data on an East Coast Open 40 named "OWEN CLARK." They will come back to the board in April with the requested information.
6. AMAZING GRACE, s/n 56409 (Vector39) David Bloom – Request for Rating Review, First Reading
David and Karin addressed the board asking for a rating change from /186/174/174/ to /230/230/230/. They were excused and the board discussed the boat. M/S/P for /+6/ +6/+6/ at this first reading.
7. HUNKY DORY, s/n 56754 (Ericson381T) Kenneth Murata – Initial Rating
M/S/P to rate HUNKY DORY 114/114/114/.
8. JOY, s/n 7166 (20' wooden sloop) Bill Dunlap – Modification + Request for Rating Review
Added 70 lbs to his keel. RRR tabled, no data sent in. The Rating will remain the same
9. BOLT, s/n 87299A (N/M55M) Craig Reynolds – Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Craig handed out his information and asked for a /+3/ or /+6/ on the RLC and OWC ratings. After a short discussion he was excused and the board discussed the boat further. M/S/P, no change to the rating as there was not enough race data presented to make a rate change.
10. DESPICABLE 2 s/n 7293 (ADMIR30) Bill Johnson – Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Bill introduced himself and explained his race history and the boat's background. He compared his boat to the ESSE350 and asked for +30 on RLC. He was excused and the board voted, M/S/P, a /+6/ on RLC and asked him to bring a spreadsheet of race results next month.

11. MARISOL s/n 56443 (J124) Seth Hall – Request for Rating Review. First Reading

Because the hour was so late and the boat was not represented, although the owner did send in some race information, the review was tabled until next month.

12. MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ (Custom 52) Jay Steinbeck – Request for Rating Review. First Reading

Also because of the late hour the board will consider an email vote on MARGARITAVILLE's request. Request tabled for now.

Adjournment: 11:36 PM

Respectfully submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary, Anita Cole.

Note: The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be April 21, 2009 at 7 PM .