

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett, Vice President: Eric McClure, Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest, Area C: Rick Gorman and Rick von Heydenreich, Area D: Robert Plant, Wes Selby and Dan Rossen, Area E/F: Louis Holmes, Area G: Mike Roach.

The meeting began at 6:19 PM

The minutes from the September 15th meeting were approved

New Business:

The Judge Advocate admonished the board to be more precise about following the PHRF Rules and By-Laws. Then the procedures for nominating Executive Regional Board members were discussed and the nominated executive board members for next year's board were asked to submit a sailing resume to the office to be forwarded to the current board and then kept on file.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Area C Chairman, Rick Gorman and Chief Handicapper, Cole Price: Rick Gorman reported that they are still working on the report, crunching numbers and researching the history of how many of the boats were originally rated. He will forward their recommendations to the other members of the board by email for more input and discussion.

Buoy Rating Definition: Last month the board voted on a new definition of the Buoy Rating, Rule 2.2(a) for buoys.

“The BUOY Rating is assigned to windward/leeward courses with no reaching legs. The windward leg is no longer than five (5) nautical miles.”

After a discussion the board voted M/S/P to remove the second sentence of the current published definition; replace the capitalization and bolding of **BUOY** in 2.2(b) with lower case lettering; and remove the quotation marks in 2.2(c). Because of these changes this reading will be a First Reading and next month there will be a Second Reading.

A PHRF and OD ratings question: In August the Regional Board was asked to look into the way OD ratings & PHRF standard ratings are being used. The question was tabled last month because the Area C Chairman who is in charge of researching the question could not be present at the meeting. Chairman Rick Gorman addressed the board restating his objections to boat owners/racers that use their OD rating certificates to gain advantage in certain race conditions. However, he recommends that the subject/problem be taken up by the Area Boards who know their area's conditions best. The subject is therefore referred to the Area Boards.

President's Report: No report this month.

Vice President's Report: No report this month.

Data Systems Report: Not in attendance.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: Not in attendance.

Area C: The Area Chairman reported that they rated one boat: JAVALIN, a Farr 49 (new to the area) at /-30/-30/-30/.

Area D: Met and discussed several items. No boats were rated.

Area E/F:

Reporting 2 meetings: at the September meeting a First Reading for the CAPRI 23.5 BLITZ was heard and the board voted a /+3/+9/+9. Also RAVEN, a COL300D, came in asking for a /+6/+12/ rating change. The board voted for a /+3/+6/ at a First Reading for RAVEN.

At the October meeting the Area E/F board did a Second Reading on BLITZ and voted for a /+3/+9/+9/. As to RAVEN, they discussed a /+6/+9/ rating change, but tabled the decision until the November meeting to do more research.

Area G: No meeting.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. MARISOL, s/n's 56443 & 56443A (J124) Seth Hall – Request for Rating Review- Second Reading In August the board voted to give MARISOL 3 seconds back on the 56443A certificate: from /33/30/30/ to /36/33/33/. The second reading in September was tabled at the Chief Handicapper's request. He needed to do some more research. Even though the Chief Handicapper of PHRF is out of town this month and could not attend the meeting tonight he sent in his recommendation. The board discussed his recommendation and voted to re-rate MARISOL /36/33/33/.

2. PROBLEM CHILD, s/n's 50665 & 50665M (B32) Dan Rossen – Modification: Adding a 2 foot bow sprit. The discussion was tabled last month and Dan was asked to provide the measurements of his AYSO and a diagram of the new configuration.

Anita handed out a current certificate that included the requested dimensions Dan sent in. He addressed the board noting that this sprit will not add any more "horse" power. He only wants to add the sprit for ease of handling when he is short handed. He was excused and the board discussed the change at length. One member remarked that with this sprit he will be able to use a bigger AYSO even though he says he won't be adding a bigger AYSO. After a lengthy discussion the board voted to allow the bow sprit with no change to the rating. The certificate will be noted: this boat is limited to spinnaker dimensions as defined in the PHRF SO CAL Rules: Appendix A, Rule 5.3, for symmetrical spinnakers.

3. DOUBLETIME, s/n 7550 (AND38) Alan Andrews – Area D requested a Rating Review: Second Reading. Last month the board voted to change DOUBLETIME's rating from 75/75/75/ to 57/57/57/. This month Alan Andrews attended this reading. He addressed the board after handing out a packet of information. He told the board about his race history this past year and how the boat is maintained and crewed. He let the board know that an 18 second per mile hit was too harsh. The board asked many questions and a lengthy discussion ensued. Alan was excused and the board continued to discuss his presentation after the Judge Advocate excused himself from further discussion. The Area D Chairman explained the complaints they have received from DOUBLETIME's competitors about the boat's rating. After more discussion and rating suggestions the board voted. M/S/P to re-rate DOUBLETIME from 75/75/75/ to /63/63/63/. The certificate will be noted: NO POLE. The Area D Chairman and the Judge Advocate did not vote.

4. AMBUSH, s/n 57297 (C&C38) Tom Welsh – Modification/new larger main with a longer (13.8 to 14.25) ‘E’. Even though the new main is larger Tom is requesting no rating change. After Anita handed out the current certificate including the information on the new main the board discussed the Chief Handicapper’s recommendation for a main that is up to 10% larger. Then a vote was taken and the board voted M/S/P a /-3/-3/-3, which will take AMBUSH from 102/102/102/ to 99/99/99/.

5. ANARCHY, s/n 011 (FT100D) John Rickard – Requesting a non OD, standard PHRF rating. The PHRF Chief Handicapper authorized a temporary RLC rating of /27/ for the 2009 San Diego to Ensenada race and recommends: an adjustment of /-12/-15/-15 from 54/48/42 to **42/33/27** for a PHRF configuration which would allow use of a full A-Sail inventory including Code 0, full sized 2A, plus other kites. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P for the Chief Handicappers recommendation. This is a first reading.

6. BLACK MAGIC, s/n 50995 (Viper830) Chris Slagerman – Modification Review
The owner has notified PHRF that the Jc/SPL measurement of BLACK MAGIC is actually 17.3 as opposed to the 15.3 as recorded on all of the Vipers in the system. Apparently Sam Heck discovered the discrepancy when measuring BLACK MAGIC for a new spinnaker and then measured the other 3 Vipers in So Cal: ELEMENT SHIELD s/n 50914; PLANKTON s/n 50904; and SLUG s/n 50959. The exception is RENTED MULE s/n USA 14 which noted an SPL: of 17 on his original application. Chris Slagerman represented the Viper’s and handed out large packets of race information on BLACK MAGIC, ELEMENT SHIELD, PLANKTON and SLUG. He asked the board to keep their ratings the same at /66/51/39/. He maintained that the measurements were incorrectly stated from the beginning because they were taken (copied) from an incorrectly noted application and passed along through the years. After some discussion the board voted: M/S/P/ for no rating change. Anita will correct the certificates.

7. MEDICINE MAN, s/n 97777 (AND63) Robert Lane – Modification
Removed spinnaker pole & added fixed bow sprit. The new BPL is 1.5 ft. (5% of J) shorter than the previous SPL. Net weight: a couple of hundred pounds lighter. The Chief Handicapper authorized a temporary rating of /-93/-99/-102/ for a recent race and in an email advised the board to consider: (1) Med Man’s spinnaker sizes won’t change because they are optimized to IMS and already use undersized spinnakers, (2) Their SPL will be a little smaller which means less projection, (3) They could buy larger spinnakers, both in the foot and luff because they will now be rated as a sprit boat. He recommends a +3/+3/+3 from /-93/-99/-102/ to **/-90/-96/-99/**.
Rob Lane, John Bush and Keith Ives represented the boat and asked for a /-93/-96/-99. After a short discussion on how the boat will be sailed without the pole the board voted M/S/P with one opposed for a /0/+3/+3/ rating change from /-93/-99/-102/ to /-93/-96/-99.

8. IT’S OK, s/n’s 7249, 7249A, 7249B, 7249C (AND50) Lew Berry – Area D requested Rating Review. Lew Berry, Tom Purcell and Alan Andrews represented the boat and Lew handed several packets of information and race data on the boat. He advised the board that he wants certificate 7249 and 7249C eliminated and will use only 7249A and 7249B configurations from now on. Anita advised the board that after the eliminations are made the data base information/certificates on the boat will change to 7249 and 7249A because of the way the data base “thinks”. The representatives of IT’S OK then presented their information and corrections to the two remaining configurations. There were many questions from the board that were answered by the men and then they were excused. The board continued the discussion asking the Area D representatives why they requested a rating review of IT’S OK. They responded that they had had many complaints from competitors about the boat’s ratings and presented a letter from a competitor requesting the board to review IT’s OK’s rating. After a lengthy

discussion the board voted: M/S/P to re-rate certificate 7249A (which will become certificate 7249) /-9/-9/-9/ from /-63/-66/-66 to /-72/-75/-75/ and also certificate 7249B (which will become certificate 7249A) a /-9/-9/-9/ from -42/-48/-48/ to /-51/-57/-57/. This is a First Reading.

9. CHEETAH, s/n 87654 (PET68) Chris Slagerman – Modification

Chris is in the process of removing the boat's hydraulic transmission, V- drive with prop shaft and folding propeller and generator and replacing them with a sail drive bringing the weight of the boat forward a bit and it will be lighter.

Chris addressed the board explaining about replacing the engine, transmission and generator (apx. 700 lbs. lighter) and asked for no rating change. After a question from a board member he told them that the sail drive is fixed and will not lift up. He was excused and the board voted M/S/P for no change to the rating.

10. OLD GUYS RULE, s/n USA 054 (ESSE850) Bill Lewis – Request for Rating Review: First Reading.

Bill handed out a packet of information and race data on the boat telling the board that OLD GUYS RULE is the smallest boat in the fleet, yet has the lowest rating. The board asked several questions and after Bill answered them he was excused and the discussion continued around how the boat is raced. The Area C representatives reported to the board that they have observed the boat and it is “wicked fast”. After more discussion the board voted not to change the rating. This is a First Reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 PM