

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett; Vice President: Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Data Systems: David Zaveski; Area A: Max Rosenberg and Eric Schlageter; Area B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Rick Gorman and Rick von Heydenreich; Area D: Robert Plant and Dan Rossen; Area E: Louis Holmes; Area G: Mika Roberts and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

The meeting began at 6:15 PM

The minutes from the October 20th Regional Board Meeting were not presented for approval tonight because the Fleet Secretary left them in the copy machine and forgot to bring them to the meeting. She will forward the minutes by email to the board for approval at the January, 2010 meeting.

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman, Area C Chairman and Chief Handicapper: Rick reported that they are still working on the fleet and should have a list for the Regional board to review in February.

Buoy Rating Definition: In September the board voted for a new definition of Buoy Rating: **“The BUOY Rating is assigned to windward/leeward courses with no reaching legs. The windward leg is not longer than five (5) nautical miles.”**

Last month the board voted to remove the last phrase of the current published definition: *“The windward mark is capable of being moved to maintain a true windward/leeward course;”* replace the capitalization and bolding of **BUOY** in 2.2 with lower case lettering with no bolding; and remove the quotation marks in 2.2(c). Because of these changes last month’s reading was considered to be the First Reading and this will be the Second Reading.

After the PHRF President read the definition changes a short discussion ensued and ended with a vote: M/S/P to accept the new definition into the rules. The vote was 11 for and no opposed. The PHRF Secretary was instructed to remove the quotation marks in 2.2 (b) & (c) and send a new copy of the rules to be published on the website.

President's Report:

PHRF President, Christopher Bennett, made a short statement thanking the board for their work, adding that it had been a pleasure to serve PHRF as president in 2009. The board responded with applause and cheers.

Vice President's Report:

PHRF Vice President, Eric McClure, also made a short statement thanking the board for their work this year and especially thanked Chris for his faithfulness in serving PHRF.

Data Systems Report: David reported to the board that he is working on revamping the website with big objectives for next year: objectives like online membership renewals; online registrations for CHAMPS and member access to boat information.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Max introduced himself as the new representative of Area A and stated that their board is discussing the use of rudder kelp cutters as a tactic. They are working on adjusting the ratings (especially on the fast boats) of boats that use rudder kelp cutters. They are also working on some changes they want to see in the PHRF rules regarding One Design certificates. They would also like to have Appendix C (the “cookbook” rating examples) put back into the rules. The Chief Handicapper and President explained why the board removed Appendix C last year.

Area B: The Area B representative, Jerry Kaye, reported that the Area B board discussed the rating of a shoal draft Jeanneau 49, but tabled the discussion for more research. They also discussed a rating review request of a J109, but the owner did not supply the board with a request form or race results so the matter was also tabled. He also reported that they are having trouble recruiting board members.

Area C: No meeting this month.

Area D: The Area D board Chairman, Robert Plant, reported that the board met and dealt with 3 complaints from competitors about the Andrews 50, IT’S OK. He noted that IT’S OK’s certificates (all four of them) should be reviewed and clarified. IT’S OK is on the agenda tonight. See below.

Area E/F: The Area E/F board Chairman, Louis Holmes, reported that they had a second reading on the Columbia 30, RAVEN giving them a /+6/+9/ local rating adjustment. Next month they are going to start a fleet review in their area. The PHRF President strongly suggested they include someone outside the area to assist them in the review because they all race against each other.

Area G: They met with the owners of FRENCH BRED, but there was no rating change. They discussed a dual rating system for San Diego and are researching a system of ratings for when the winds are under 9 knots another rating for when the wind is over 9 knots.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. ANARCHY, s/n 011 (FT100D) John Rickard – Requesting a non One Design, standard PHRF Rating Second Reading. Last month the board voted for the Chief Handicappers recommendation: a rating of /42/33/27/ for a PHRF configuration. The PHRF Chief Handicapper presented information about this second certificate configuration. It will allow the use of a full A-Sail inventory including a Code O, full sized 2A, plus other kites. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P to issue a second certificate for this configuration with a rating of /42/33/27/ provisionally. The board also discussed the One Design classes in general.
2. IT’S OK, s/n’s 7249, 7249A, 7249B, 7249C (AND50) – Requested Rating Review, Second Reading Last month the board approved the elimination of certificates 7249 and 7249C at the owner’s request and voted [M/S/P] for a rating adjustment on certificate 7249A of /-9/-9/-9/ which will take the rating on certificate 7249A from /-63/-66/-66/ to /-72/-75/-75/. The board also voted a /-9/-9/-9/ adjustment to certificate 7249B which will take the rating on certificate 7249B rating from /-42/-48/-48/ to /-51/-57/-57/. The Chief Handicapper reviewed the certificates with the board and noted that the FCT kite certificates will be eliminated. He further clarified that the certificate 7249B is for a fractional jib with a masthead kite and that certificate 7249A is for a masthead jib with a masthead kite. A board member made a motion for another /-6/ adjustment to the masthead jib; masthead kite certificate 7249B which will take that rating from /-51/-57/-57/ to /57/-63/-63/. The motion was seconded and a short discussion ensued. Finally a vote was taken and the board voted to rate Certificate 7249A at /-72/-75/-75/ and Certificate 7249B /-57/-63/-63/ provisionally. Certificates 7249 and 7249C will be eliminated.

3. BRUSHFIRE, s/n 7469 (S7S51) Dennis Connor – Area G requesting a certificate review – Mods. Anita handed out the information sent in by Area G. Chris Bennett explained that the Area G board just wants the PHRF SO CAL certificate to be brought inline with the certificate from PHRF San Diego. The board denied the request because the SO CAL certificate for this boat has not been renewed since 2008.

4. RUBICON III, s/n 63163 (CONT33) Rod Percival – Modification: Increased “E” measurement. The “E” has changed from 13.8 to 14.67.

Anita handed out the information from the owner and the Chief Handicapper recommended a /-3/-3/-3/ for the mod. The board voted [M/S/P] for the Chief Handicapper’s recommendation which will take RUBICON III from /141/141/141/ to /138/138/138/. The displacement weight on the certificate will be corrected.

5. RELENTLESS, s/n 35012 (1D35) Tim Fuller – Request for a Rating Review.

The board tabled any review discussion until the owner sends in the required and requested information for a rating review.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be January 19, 2010 at LBYC in Long Beach.