

PHRF SoCal – Area C
Minutes
July 19, 2021

Topic: PHRF SoCal Area C Meeting

Time: July 19, 2021 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

PHRF SoCal has received three (3) anonymous rating review requests for:

- SYNDICATE Sail No. 77303

Current Area C Rating /132/132/132/

The Area C Board Representative had set a meeting via Zoom for June 28th at 6PM. All Area C members were invited to attend. In attendance at the June 28th review attempt were Heinz Butner (Area C representative), Dave Booker (member), Tim Hohmann (crew from Syndicate) and Dave Haas (member, owner skipper of Syndicate.) However, there were not a majority of board members in attendance. With no quorum the review was rescheduled to July 19th.

- For your information, the following reasons were given by 3 members in good standing:

1. Sail Number: 77303

Req_Date : 12/24/2020 11:04:30

Proposed Area or Blank : C

Proposed Class or Blank :

Proposed Buoy : 123

Proposed RLC : 123

Proposed OWC : 123

Reason : This boat is unbeatable at its current area C rating of 132/132/132. Its measurements say it should rate about the same as a Santana 30PC.

2. Sail_Number : 77303

Req_Date : 05/05/2021 18:20:20

Proposed Area or Blank : C

Proposed Class or Blank : Kirby 30

Proposed Buoy : 126

Proposed RLC : 126

Proposed OWC : 126

Reason : Boat dominates his class. The boat carries a +6 seconds per mile area rating and that should be removed. Just look at the race results. This boat wins by large margins.

3. Sail_Number : 77303

Req_Date : 06/01/2021 16:11:52

Proposed Area or Blank : C

Proposed Class or Blank :

Proposed Buoy : 126

Proposed RLC : 126

Proposed OWC : 120

Reason : Understanding that Syndicate is well prepared and well sailed, it should not be winning nearly every race year after year. The competition is just not that bad. The 132 rating in Long Beach is inconsistent with the Kirby 30 rating in other areas

The Area C Board meet again on July 19th at 6 PM via ZOOM meeting.

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In attendance were Heinz Butner (Area C representative) Jerry Montgomery (Area C board member), Ron Duphily (Area C board member) , Jim Breams (Area C board member) , and Dave Haas (member, owner skipper of Syndicate.) Note: all members of the Area C board were present.

The Area C board had available to them prior to the meeting the following:

Kirby 30 National Ratings.png provided by David Haas

Rating-Review-Worksheet Syndicate PDF provided by Heinz Butner

Comments by David Cattle clarifying that “Regional rating for the boat is 126/126/126, based upon the fact it has +2.5' on I and ISP, and plus 1' on SPL compared to the stock Kirby 30 which rates 135/135/135.” Area C Rating 132/132/132.

Contents of the three anonymous rating review requests.

The meeting was conducted in three parts. First was an opportunity for the boat owner to defend the current rating. Second was questioning the owner on the points made in the anonymous rating review. There were no PHRF members present at the meeting challenging Syndicate’s rating. The third part was the closed discussion among the members of the board.

Observations:

Syndicate was raced in Area C this year from January until 5/20/21 at which time it was moved to Marina del Ray and is racing there under the same owner.

Syndicates owner defended his rating by describing the the preparation of the boat for racing - sails bottom preparation, etc. The Syndicate crew has raced together for the past five years. The owner made a strong point that he should not be penalized for sailing well - to do so would be a form of “Golf Handicap .”

Syndicate is well know in Area C and all observers of her performance agree she is well prepared and well sailed.

The rating review worksheet shows only 9 races during this calendar year in Area C (see note above about relocation to MdR.) It shows that in light wind Syndicate usually wins. The worksheet was repurposed to show how many sec/mi adjustment would be required to change the results.

Conclusion: 3-9 second would make no difference in light winds. In stronger wind other boats seem to be more competitive. In all of these races Syndicate is racing against the same 3 other boats. In the opinion of the creator of the worksheet, this is not enough data from which to change a rating.

The Area C board voted unanimously to leave the Area C rating for Syndicate as is at 132/132/132.