

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES OF REGIONAL BOARD MEETING of May 16, 2006

Attendees: Brian Hull: President; Rick Von Heydenreich: Vice President; Phillip Eaton: Judge Advocate; Cole Price: Chief Handicapper; Zoltan Katinszky: Data Systems; Bruce Cooper: Big Boat Advisor; John Thawley & Mikell Becker (Area A); Mike George (Area B); Eric McClure (Area C); Robert Plant (Area D); Gary Jorgensen & Warren Gross (Area G) and Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary

1. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2006.
2. Chief Handicapper's Report

CUIDADO s/n 28236 (11MTR & 11MTROD) – Thomas Bollay, Second Reading
Regarding a letter from Area A requesting the Regional Board not “award” a base rating change. The owner was not present at this meeting. M/S/P to rate CUIDADO 66/66/66 - second reading.

COOL s/n 27731 (Islander 30) Bryan Dair - Owner modifications: removed the inboard engine
The owner was not present. The board discussed the changes. M/S/P to rate COOL 165/165/165.
The Secretary was instructed to change to boat's type to ISL30M and put in remarks inboard engine removed and replaced with an outboard engine.

TAXI DANCER s/n 97510MP & 97510SP (R/P68) – Paul & Laura Sharp - First Reading
STAGHOUND S/N 69152 (RP50) – Alec and Oberschmidt

Requested by Chief Handicapper regarding STAGHOUND's request for a rating review of TAXI DANCER. Owners Representatives: Arte Means – STAGHOUND, Laura Sharp – TAXI DANCER and Tim O'Sullivan – MARGARITAVILLE.

Arte addressed the board regarding TAXI DANCER's rating and handed out a information showing on how the boats finished in the most recent races. Tim supported Arte's data and noted they also think there is a problem with how TAXI DANCER is rated. (the disparity between ratings on the 3 certificates: one for a short pole, one for a mid length pole and one for a long pole). Laura addressed the board with the assertion that the SC70's are different from TAXI DANCER and noted that the boat was originally rated with the long pole and that the mid-length pole was rating delta from the long pole. She included information that they had added 1800 lbs ballast to their boat, a new keel and had reduced the mid-pole from 33 feet to 28. She also objected to the use of last years race results from Long Beach Race Week because they used time on time. She handed out information showing how TAXI finished in several races comparing '05 with '06. As the board excused the representatives Arte asked for the second reading to be an e-mail vote as he wanted the decision before Cal Race Week. The board declined. The board discussed the presentations and voted M/S/P for a -3 on buoy with the minutes noted that this is only a starting point (first reading). Both sides are asked to produce more, clearer race data and the Chief Handicapper wants them to submit their Americap certificates.

An OPEN 5.70, no sail number, no yacht name – Jerome Sammarcelli – Initial Rating

The owner presented information on the board and addressed the board comparing the OPEN 5.70 with the Ultimate 20, the Viper 640 and the Rocket 22. Jerome and the board discussed the boats and compared and contrasted them. Jerome was excused and discussion continued. M/S/P to rate this boat provisionally at 132 buoy and 126 RLC - Category 4 only (no lifelines or pulpits).

PYEWACKET - s/n USA4 (RP86), Brad Avery and OCC – First Reading

Mike Nash representing Brad Avery and OCC addressed the board, handed out race data and talked about the modifications to the boat. They discussed Mike's information and asked him to come back next month with a completed Request for Rating Change form and a corrected application that included all the modifications, correct dimensions including draft, ballast, displacement, etc. needed to accurately understand the configuration of the boat.

RAGTIME – s/n 7960 (62-SLP), Chris Welch – Second Reading

Chris addressed the board, handed out a spread sheet of race results and asked for a -48 instead of the -60 it has now. He noted that this boat is old and is racing against boats that have carbon rigs. The board discussed the crews experience and how the boat is sailed then excused Chris. Discussion continued and M/S/P to rate RAGTIME /-36/-48/-48.

MUDDY WATERS – s/n USA116 (Melges 30), Tom Blanton – First Reading

The owner was not present. The board discussed the request for rating review information and compared MUDDY WATERS with NEMESIS and BLADE. M/S/P to rate MW at Regional 39/27/18 and in Area B 36/27/18. The certificate is to be changed to USA116M.

MR VENGEANCE s/n 97284 (PET28) – Paul Bishop – Second Reading

Regarding Mr. Bishop's letters and application for membership/rating: At the suggestion of the Judge Advocate, M/S/P to refer Mr. Bishop's application to the Board of Directors of PHRF (Executive Board).

3. New Business:

Appendix D, 5.0 (d) Word Change – Requested by the Chief Handicapper regarding a Non-spin Offset question from an owner. The board discussed the problem and decided not to amend the Non-spin Rule D, 5.0 (d) wording. Rather race committees may use the base ratings for boats and apply the non-Spinnaker offset listed for each boat on a document contained on the PHRF Web Page at their discretion and as stated in the Notice of Race.

The Judge Advocate is in the process of updating the rules to make them clearer and easier to understand He will keep the board apprised.

The board President addressed the board with a warning that he thinks there is a "storm" brewing about the scoring with time on distance vs. time on time. He suggested that at the end of the Ullman Series the board take a hard look at the two systems. The Chief Handicapper from San Diego suggested that certain races should be time on time. The NOSA race chair wants to address the board in June.

The President also suggested that the Regional Board times be modified. He suggested the board meet at 6 PM as usual, but conduct board business and eat dinner and then review boats at 7PM or as near to it as they can. The members of the Board agreed. The time change will go into effect next month.

4. Old Business:

Fleet Roster for '06

The Data Systems office is working on the computer problem and will work with the PHRF secretary to resolve the problem so the roster can be published for Yacht Clubs only.

A discussion of Jeff Johnson's addition to the Area B board and the complaint by past president, Jerry Kaye that his addition is against PHRF by-laws.

The PHRF President suggested the by-laws be changed. Any change must go the membership to be voted upon. It was also suggested by a board member that a by-law wording change could be written to give the power to the Areas to decide who is to be on their board and then petition the Regional board to approve their decision. Discussion continued and the Judge Advocate will do some research and draft a wording change for the board.

Big Boat Alignment Report

The Chief Handicapper has set up a committee to restart the process.

5. President's Report: nothing this month

6. Vice President's Report: The CHAMPS sponsorship talks are coming along nicely but there are no firm commitments yet.

7. Data Systems Report: nothing to report this month

AREA REPORTS:

Area A: no meeting this month.

Area B: held their meeting on 5/9/06.

See their meeting notes

Area C: no meeting this month

Area D: held their meeting on 5/15/06.

The Area D board rated BLACK SILVER s/n 97118 /-3/-3/+3/

BOLT s/n 87299 /-3/-6/-6 in Area D only

DK46 they rated a /-18/ in Area D only

Area E/F: not in attendance

Area G: held their meeting on 5/8/06

See their meeting notes.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

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Fleet Secretary

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