# PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA P.O. BOX 14356 LONG BEACH, CA 90853-4356

# MINUTES OF REGIONAL BOARD MEETING of August 15, 2006

Attendees: Brian Hull: President; Rick Von Heydenreich: Vice President; Phillip Eaton: Judge Advocate; Cole Price: Chief Handicapper; Zoltan Katinszky: Data Systems; Max Lynn (Area A); Mike George (Area B) Eric McClure (Area C); Robert Plant & Wes Selby (Area D); Gary Jorgensen & Warren Gross (Area G) and Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary

- 1. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 with no amendments.
- 2. New Business:

**The resignation of Bruce Cooper** – Big Boat Advisor: Recommendations for his replacement were considered.

Review of all HOBIE 33's – Requested by the San Diego Chief Handicapper Postponed till October. Complaint by a member. A member attending the July meeting was concerned about comments made after the meeting about the Hobie 33's by a guest from Area A who attended the entire meeting. The board president did his own investigation and suggested that in future only an elected board member will be allowed to discuss board decisions with an owner or boat representative. Additionally the guest from Area A was banned for one meeting. M/S/P

**Phillip Eaton**\_will be leaving the post of Judge Advocate at the end of this board's term. He is contacting several individuals to replace him. He will keep the board informed

#### 3. Old Business:

**NOSA Class Break Recommendation:** Committee Chairman VP Rick Von Heydenreich The PHRF Vice President reported that the first meeting went well and they have decided to continue their discussions via email. They will report to the Regional Board next month about their recommendations.

**Big Boat Alignment Report:** Committee Chairman Robert Plant (Area D representative) The Chairman handed out a progress report (chart) and there was some discussion. There will be another progress report in September with the final recommendations in October.

### Final decision on the protest by GIMME SHELTER to the US Sailing Association:

The Chief handicapper gave a brief overview of the decision and asked if there were any questions. Basically the decision was that if a competitor sees a violation of the PHRF Class Rules ie. racing without a PHRF rating or racing out of their rated configuration and/or without required equipment such as lifelines, etc. then any boat may lodge a formal protest and let the offending boat captain/owner, plus the race committee know it at any time before, during or after the race – a protest flag is not necessary.

- 4. President's Report: none this month
- 5. Vice President's Report: CHAMPS went very well. Jerry Martin of KHYC did a very nice job organizing the regatta. YRUSC provided a new trophy for the best boat in the fleet from a YRUSC club. Next year's race will be at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club and next year's Vice President is already working on sponsors and details for next year's regatta. It was suggested that we waive the 5 PHRF race requirements in order to encourage more participation in the regatta.

### 6. Data Systems Report:

The Data Systems officer has fixed the site's "picture problem". He also updated the Manufacturer's list. The hunt for a new data systems office for next year is on.

## 7. Area Reports:

**Area A:** The Area A minutes are on the web site.

**Area B:** The Area B minutes are on the web site.

There was a protest and an Area B board member took photos. They are investigating. The Area B chairman suggested that PHRF produce a guide lines type flyer for new boat owners even thought he rules are posted on our website and the new owners get a copy when they join. He will work on a draft copy for the next board meeting.

**Area C:** no meeting this month.

**Area D:** Area D chairman introduced a new member of their board, Wes Selby, and informed the board of 2 other new members: Dan Rosen and Linos (I missed his last name). The Area D minutes are on the website.

**Area E/F:** not in attendance

**Area G:** held their meeting on 7/14/06. See their meeting notes on their website.

### 8. Chief Handicapper's Report:

MAGIC LIGHT s/n 67335 (Hobie 33M) David DuKet – Disciplinary Hearing requested by Max Rosenberg. After reviewing information from Magic Light's original rating review (first & second readings), it appears more likely that the use of the main could have been an oversight resulting from the boat owner's misunderstanding of the mainsail that his boat was rated to race with. The Regional board held an e-mail vote revising the suspension period to 30 days and requested that anomalies on MAGIC LIGHT's PHRF Certificate be corrected and use a class legal main (or get rated for the oversized main. Final decision/discussion on a rating for a fat-head main was tabled till the September 19 Regional meeting because at the date of this meeting he is still under suspension.

YABSOLUTELY s/n USA127 (Melges 32) Dave Young & Jim Yabsley – **Second Reading** Review of rating requested by Area A.

Jim and Dave handed out an additional packet of information on the boat and race data. Discussion ensued and Jim & Dave were excused. MSP to rate YABSOLUTELY 27/12/6. Not provisional

ARANA s/n 8964 (Choat 51M) John Carroll – Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading** Rated 6/9/15 at the first reading.

John addressed the board and handed out a new set of information/race results. Discussion ensued about his race history. John was excused and discussion continued. M/S/P to rate ARANA 12/12/15. Not provisional.

SKYLARK s/n USA540 – Doug Ayres – modifications – New Mast

The owner was not present. William Palmer represented the boat. He presented the argument that the new mast was not that much lighter (less that 4%) and the /-3/ was unfair. Discussion and Mr. Palmer was excused. M/S/P to rescind the /-3/ penalty for the new mast on SKYLARK and return it to -75/-84/-87.

BOLT s/n 87299 & 87299A – Craig Reynolds – Request for Rating Review – Second Reading Owner not present. Postponed till September.

PYEWACKET s/n USA4 (RP86), Craig Fletcher for OCC – The reading cancelled The Chief Handicapper handled the issue with the owners by email.

CUIDADO s/n 28236 (11 Mtr) Thomas Bolley Letter of objection to the board's handling of CUIDADO's rating. Postponed from last month at the owner's request. Owner not present. Discussion postponed till the owner renews his request and a minimum of 3 months given that the boat has been on the agenda for 3 months and the owner has failed to show at these Regional meetings.

### VALKYRIE s/n 7190 (DK46) – Andy Rasdal & Pete Pacelli – Initial Reading

The owner's representative, Pete Pacelli, presented information about the boat and asked for a rating comparable to ZEPHYRA. Pete was excused and discussion ensued. M/S/P to rate VALKYRIE -21/-27/-30 provisionally provided the owner provided correct information that the I measurement on VALKYRIE is the same as ZEPHYRA's.

#### ZEPHYRA s/n GBR4646 (DK46) – Second Reading

Held at the same time as VALKYRIE's initial reading. Approved -18/-27/-30. Current certificate invalid. New certificate with a rating of -18/-27/-30 will be issued when updated dimensions are provided to the Fleet Secretary

## HEARTBEAT II s/n 52656 (BEN 44.7) – Charles Brewer - Initial Reading

The owner wants this new boat of his to be given time because it's a cruising boat. He was excused and M/S/P to rate HEARTBEAT II 39/39/39.

## SILK s/n 56460 (Farr 46) – Larry Mace – Initial Reading

The board looked at the application (cold molded wood) and compared it to BRAVURA. M/S/P to rate SILK /27/27/27 provisionally.

ABACUS s/n USA 8 (Perry Flying Tiger 10 meter) – Timothy Chin – **Initial Rating**No application received. Requested by Chief Handicapper. A Bob Perry design.
The Chief Handicapper addressed the board on behalf of the owners. They would like it rated comparably to a B-32. Discussion ensued comparing FT's performance to that of a Mumm 30. M/S/P to rate the 10 Mtr. Flying Tigers as one designs with a rating of 54/48/42 assuming that they sail in a configuration consistent with their written class rules as published in August 2006. Boat's wishing to race in a configuration consistent with PHRF Class Rules must request a different rating certificate. This will be the So Cal regional rating.

SCOUT SPIRIT s/n 69011 (R/P75) - Newport Sea Base, Peter Heck – Modification No representative from the boat was in attendance. The chief handicapper presented the information about the new mast head genoa "oversized head sail."

M/S/P -6/-6/-3 for the new headsail to -114/-120/-123.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

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