

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES OF REGIONAL BOARD MEETING of March 20, 2007

Attendance: Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President; Steven Ernest, Judge Advocate; Cole Price, Chief Handicapper & Area C; David Zaveski (Data Systems); Mike George (Area B); Wes Selby, Robert Plant & Linus Holmes (Area D) Steve Wyman (Area E/F); Chris Bennett & David Cattle (Area G); Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary.

M/S/P to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting with some “typo” changes.

New Business:

1. Change of Regional Board meeting date for May 2007. LBYC cannot accommodate us on May 15 because of Con Cup. M/S/P to move the May 15, 2007 meeting to May 22, 2007.

2. The Open 5.70 Issue – Jerome Sammarcelli represented the Open 5.70 fleet, handed out a packet of information and addressed the board regarding the LOA’s of these boats. The board thanked Jerome and excused him. The Judge Advocate summarized pertinent extracts from the PHRF Class Rules and based upon inputs received by PHRF from several yacht designers, interpreted “LOA” as the length of hull without appendages such as rudders, bowsprits, pulpits, etc. which means the OPEN 5.70’s don’t qualify to be rated in PHRF So Cal. The Area B representative and Chief Handicapper of PHRF suggested that in order to accommodate this fleet and other boats like the Rhodes 19, we amend the LOA rule from 20’ to 18.5’. Discussion continued and concluded with a 2/3 majority vote (M/S/P) to amend the PHRF rules. The Chief Handicapper will draft a definition for “LOA” that can be posted on the website as an interpretation and send it to the Area boards by email for further discussion. We will have a Second Reading next month to finalize the wording of the new rule.

3. The Chief Handicapper made a report about a new sail called a “Spinoa”. A genoa looking sail with battens and stated that it is an IRC legal sail that will benefit a very limited number of boats – mostly grand prix level designs with fractional jibs and masthead spinnakers. These sails are clearly not allowed under PHRF So Cal rules. He wanted to board to know about the sail but recommends we take no action until a member brings it up. Then the board can decide whether to deny rating it or rate it as a non-conforming head sail. A short discussion ensued and no action was taken

C. Old Business

1. Big Boat Alignment Report – Chairman Robert Plant

Robert handed out a preliminary analysis report and explained the committee’s thinking on how they came up with their conclusions. They used the 2006 CABO race (primarily downwind) to compare the “Big Boats”. Discussion concluded with a decision to do a bit broader analysis in seconds per mile. He will have the report finished for next month’s meeting.

2. Rules and By-Law changes – Judge Advocate

The Judge advocate addressed the board. He is working on the changes. The Chief Handicapper pointed out that Appendix C was changed some time ago (aprx. 2 years ago) and stressed that it should be updated soon as owner/managers are getting confused. The Judge Advocate will continue working on the update and report to the board next month. The need to update the Class Rules posted on the website to include changes passed by the Regional Board over the last 3 years was also discussed with this example given by the Chief Handicapper: He received a call from a sail maker stating that Appendix C is confusing his customers because it specifies fixed adjustments for specific changes, yet the board does not use these adjustment/changes anymore because the Class Rules have changed.

3. Discussion of Provisional ratings. At the January meeting the PHRF VP suggested that all new boats that are rated provisionally should be required to submit race results for 10 races at the end of their provisional year so the Area and Regional boards can use the information to review their provisional rating. **Discussion postponed till after the Newport/Ensenada Race.**

D. President's Report – none tonight

E. Vice President's Report – PHRF CHAMPS sponsorship is coming along. Slower than the VP would like but moving along. He is working to get a miler out next month to promote the race and give the sponsors a chance to advertise. His company will prepare and mail the flyer/mailer and PHRF will pay for the postage.

F. Data Systems Report – The Data Systems officer is working to revamp the web site and would appreciate any input from board members or any PHRF member who has an idea for the site. He's also cleaning up redundancies and will have a proto type for review next month.

G. Area Reports:

Area A – WIND DANCER, CAT42, request for rating review. Kept rating the same at /111/99/99/
CARPE DIEM, Hylas 45.5, '06 provisional rating of 96/93/90/ made permanent.
BEBE, J-130, deferred any decision till the boat produces more race results
EXPRESS, EXP27, pole modification - recommends to Chief Handicapper /126/123/123/

Area B – MOBY QUICK, Cheetah 30, requested a buoy adjustment. They are looking into it.
BRAVURA, on the agenda tonight
They are also looking into re-rating the Santana 30/30's in their area.

Area C – LANIKAI, Hunter 382, /111/108/108/
BRISTOL LITHE, Bristol 30, /192/186/186/

Area D – ELAN, Tartan 350, rating change from /123/123/123/ to /120/120/120/
SERENA, a Cardinal 46, – 1st reading
SCAVENGER a R/H42 – 1st reading
HEARTBEAT II a BEN 44.7 – recommends /30/30/30 from /39/ for longer pole

Area E/F - COOL MAN COOL, syd38 – 1ST reading
RENDEZVOUS, Jean38, recommending /108/105/105/ to the Chief Handicapper
CRICKET, Cal21 – recommends /264/258/258/ to the Chief Handicapper
MAGIC LIGHT, Hobie33M, no more reviews till he presents concrete race results.

Area G – See their web site for meeting notes.

H. Chief Handicapper's Report:

PENDRAGON II s/n 77177 (DAV44), David Gray: Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
Second reading was tabled last month awaiting more data. Big Boat Review is also looking at it.
The board sent this boat to Wes Selby's committee reviewing the "fast 40 fleet". A decision is expected next month.

PENDRAGON IV s/n 97777, (DAV52), John Maclarin/Scott Dickson: Modifications: longer pole and larger spinnakers. – **Second Reading**. Last month the board voted this boat /-63/-69/-81/ for a MHD certificate and /-54/-60/-72/ for a FCT certificate.

Scott Dickson addressed the board and handed out a new packet of data. Scott was excused and the board discussed this boat comparing it to many other boats in the "A Fleet". A consensus could not be reached so the board tabled the discussion and will do more research and have an email vote later this month or in early April.

HEARTBEAT II s/n 52656 (BEN44.7) – Charles Brewer, Modifications New AYSO and longer pole. The board tabled this boat last month due to incomplete information. The owner has now provided the correct and complete information and is asking for a second certificate. The PHRF Secretary handed out the new information on this boat and a discussion ensued comparing it to FRENCH BRED. M/S/P to rate her /27/24/21/ provisionally. The Area D board is considering an area adjustment so that she races with ratings of /30/30/30/ in their area - provisionally.

STEALTH CHICKEN s/n 46194 (Perry56) – Tim Beatty, Modifications – First Reading
New AYSO, carbon fiber mast and longer pole. Requested by Warren Gross.
Warren and Tim addressed the board and handed out information and data regarding the changes/mods. to the boat. The board asked several questions and then excused the men. The board discussed the changes and voted. M/S/P to rate STEALTH CHICKEN /-30/-36/-33/ and note the certificate /-6/ for the carbon mast; /-6/ for the o/s pole and /+3/ OWC (only race history for OWC was presented to the board). This decision is subject to the Big Boat Review.

PANGEA s/n 18770 (J30) – Mike Leary, Rudder Modification sent in with '07 renewal.
The PHRF Secretary handed out the information on the modification. Discussion ensued and M/S/P to make no change to the rating for the modification to the rudder.

ZULU s/n 18474 (J29) – John Sieracki, New Application with O/S Spinnaker and Pole
The PHRF Secretary handed out the information on the modifications. Discussion ensued comparing a J29 I/B fractional rig to a J29 O/B Masthead configuration. M/S/P to rate ZULU /114/114/114.

RASA s/n 46886 (ISL36T) – Ken Ziegler, Request for Rating Review – First Reading
Ken handed out information on the boat and addressed the board about the boat's condition & readiness to race. He currently rates /129/ and wants /138/. Ken was excused and the Chief Handicapper addressed the board recommending /135/. The Vice President read some ratings from the national PHRF book all in the /140's/. M/S/P to rate RASA /138/138/138/.

IT'S OK s/n 7249 (AND50) – Lewis Beery, modifications; request for 2nd certificate
The information on the modifications was handed out and a discussion ensued. The Area D representative suggested /-60/ across. The Chief Handicapper noted that he only needs one certificate because PHRF always assumes a 155% LP when rating a boat. Discussion continued and finished with a vote M/S/P to rate IT'S OK /-69/-69/-69/. This decision is subject to the Big Boat Review.

BRAVURA s/n 46565 (FARR44) – Paul Katz & Stan Rice - Request for Rating Review and request for a second certificate for a 10% longer pole. – First Reading
Paul and Stan addressed the board and answered questions about the boat and any other modifications that may have made. They handed out race results and clarified them for the board. Stan and Paul were excused and the board discussed their presentation. A motion was made to rate BRAVURA 36/36/36 for the standard pole and 33/30/30 for the O/S/ pole. Before the vote was taken it was decided to send this boat to Wes Selby's Fast 40 committee for a recommendation. They will report to the board next month.

TROPICAL DANCE s/n 56496 (GULFST50) – Daniel Yarussi, New Application with request for rating review.
The PHRF Chief Handicapper and Secretary handed out information on this boat. The Area A representative addressed the board about the characteristics of the boat. Discussion ensued and a vote taken. M/S/P to rate TROPICAL DANCE /138/126/123/.

3 LITTLE BIRDS s/n 7239 (C&C115) – Michael Holbert, Initial Rating,
The PHRF Chief Handicapper handed out a spread sheet and the secretary handed out the information on this boat. The Chief Handicapper explained to the board his reasoning comparing it to the Express 37. Discussion ensued and ended with a vote M/S/P to rate 3 LITTLE BIRDS /66/63/57/ provisionally.

Because of the late hour the following boats did not get a reading tonight. The Chief Handicapper is putting together email packets so the board can vote on them before the entry deadline for the Newport/Ensenada race in April.

PEREGRINE SPIRIT s/n 46953 (ERC380) G. A. Van Houweling: Request for Rating Review
Second Reading. Last month the board voted this boat /117/117/117 and asked the owner for more race data. No data was provided.

PICANTE s/n 56372 (J133) – Tom & Doug Jorgensen, Modifications. New AYSO and O/S Pole

BAD WOLF s/n 97321 (Martin 242OD) – Leonard Abbeduto, New Application with O/S Spinn. & Pole

HO'OKOLOHE s/n 97301 (FARR55M) – Alyson & Cecil Rossi, New App. with O/S Spinn. & Pole

SUPER STRINGS s/n USA 2379 (J24) – Doug Hosford, new application w/OS spinnaker & pole

MAD MAX & CAPTAIN SLUGGO s/n's 77855 & 77870 – Max Rosenberg and Michael Burke
Email from Max questioning the validity of the Regional Board's decision to re-rate these 2 boats without notifying the owners and appealing to the Judge Advocate for a ruling.

FIREFLY s/n 26001 (Sierra26) – Kurt Pearson. Modifications

There was a miscommunication between the office and Kurt about the request form/information he needed to present to the office in order to get on the agenda tonight. He wanted to present his information to the board tonight, but the meeting was too full. He was told to submit his information to the office and to the Chief Handicapper for next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 11:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Anita Cole

Fleet Secretary, PHRF of Southern California