

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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MINUTES OF REGIONAL BOARD MEETING of May 15, 2007

Attendance: Rick Von Heydenreich, President; Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President; Steven Ernest, Judge Advocate; Cole Price, Chief Handicapper; David Zaveski (Data Systems); Mike George & Roy Wilson (Area B); Eric McClure (Area C); Robert Plant, Wes Selby & Dan Rosen (Area D); Chris Bennett & Mika Roberts (Area G); Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary.

M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting.

New Business:

1. Discussion of the idea to post the PHRF Roster on the website and only print a few copies to have available for those members who request them. Anita will include a flyer when she mails the 2007 Rules and Bylaws letting members know that the information is now to be found on our website.
2. Discussion of the complaint against Ed Quesada, SIRENA, s/n 77765. Wes Selby and Dan Rosen were present and informed the board of their perspective of what happened at the Newport to Ensenada Race Trophy Presentation. Because Mr. Quesada could not make this meeting the discussion was postponed till the June 19 PHRF board meeting.

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report – Chairman Robert Plant
Robert handed out the most recent report from the committee and explained how they came to their conclusions using Yachting Cup and the '05 Almanson race. The board discussed the report focusing on THE DOC, a J145 from Santa Barbara. The committee will ask a member of the Area A board to do some fact finding on THE DOC's race results. The committee will continue its work and report back next month.
2. Rules and Bylaw changes – Judge Advocate
Anita handed out preliminary copies of the Rules and Bylaws changes to the board for their approval before they go to be printed. The Judge advocate has a further change he wants to make. He will forward it to Anita and she will adjust the copies before a vote is taken. The board was asked to take the copies home and look them over prior to next month's meeting.
3. Discussion of Provisional Ratings procedures. The Vice President has suggested that all new boats rated provisionally should be required to submit race results for a minimum of 10 races when their provisional rating period (one year) is over. The office would notify the owners in advance that their provisional rating is coming to an end and are required to produce the race results in order to keep their rating. If they do not have 10 races results then their rating remains "Provisional" until they do have them. When they have them, the boat owner is required to provide the office, the results. The board discussed the idea and approved it. It was also noted that the procedure be put in the rules. M/S/P.

President's Report: Regarding the July meeting of the PHRF board. The president asked for a show of hands as to who can be in attendance due to the Transpac race. A majority of the board can be at the meeting so the Vice President will preside over that meeting.

Vice President's Report:

Steve Stiner is updating Yacht Racing.com and adding CHAMPS to it to promote the race.

Data Systems Report: The Data Systems officer asked if the board approved his changes to the website and after their approval was given said that he will proceed with the first phase for the improvements.

Area Reports:

Area A – Not present

Area B – Area B will send the minutes to Anita

Area C – No Meeting this month.

Area D – They discussed JEZEBELLE a Col32 that is reported to have made modifications including removing the engine and changed the head stay to give them almost 10% more sail area. They are investigating and will bring it before the board next month, probably.

Area E/F – Not present

Area G – They rated COMPOUND X, a Thunderbird 26, /198/198/198/.
See their web site for further meeting notes.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

PENDRAGON II s/n 77177 (DAV44), David Gray: Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
Anita handed out the race results sent in by the owner. The board discussed the race results and the boat in relation to the J133's and J145's and concluded that it should be adjusted +3 sec/mi for Buoy only, from 12 to 15.

PEREGRINE SPIRIT s/n 46953 (ERC380) G. A. Van Houweling: Request for Rating Review
Second Reading. In March the board rated this boat /117/117/117 and asked the owner for more race data. The owner reported that he does not have any more race data at this time. The board tabled a vote on this rating until the owner provides the required race data.

STEALTH CHICKEN s/n 46194 (Perry56) – Tim Beatty, Modifications – **Second Reading**
New AYSO, carbon fiber mast and longer pole. Requested by Warren Gross.
Last month the board voted 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). The Chief Handicapper proposed that the board rate STEALTH CHICKEN /-30/-36/-33. M/S/P/. This decision is subject to the Big Boat Review.

RAGTIME, s/n 7960 (custom 62' Sloop) – Chris Welch – Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
Last month the board voted to adjust his rating /-6/ sec/mi. for the new carbon mast and the P: changed from 60.7 to 63 and rate RAGTIME temporarily /-54/ OWC for the N2E race. This month the Chief Handicapper noted that the mast was changed because they found a crack in it. The Area B representative remarked that other changes had been made to the boat, particularly to the transom. The discussion of this request was tabled and Anita was instructed to email the owner and ask him to report any other modifications that have been made to the boat.

JENNY, s/n 92323 (SAN22M) – Sheldon Miller – Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
Sheldon addressed the board and handed out additional information on JENNY's performance. The board asked a few questions and then he was excused. The board discussed his information and voted to rate JENNY /210/210/210/.

CHEETAH, s/n 87654 (PET68) – Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review - **Second Reading**
Last month the board voted to change this boat's rating to /-66/-75/-81/, provisionally. The PHRF Chief Handicapper gave a report on this boat. They took the "coffee grinders off" and added some wood trim. The Area G representative reported that at the King Harbor race 2 weekends ago he got "blown out". The discussion concluded with a decision to table this boat's rating until the board can get more race results. It was reported that he will be doing two more regattas next month and those results will help in the decision.

MORNING STAR, s/n 9018 (BEN456VT), Christopher Harbonville, Request for Rating Review
Second Reading. Last month a vote was taken. M/S/P to keep the rating the same. The board voted again to keep the rating /72/66/66/.

TEASER s/n 97371 (SAN30PC) M. Guccione & G. Rasse – [First Reading](#)

Complaint against the owners for not disclosing rudder & keel changes. The Area B representative addressed the board and explained about the elliptical keels and rudders. The elliptical keel (with 6" deeper draft) and rudder that was put on TEASER was not reported to PHRF on the original application for the boat. Owner, Mike Guccione, addressed the board and handed out a huge packet of information including emails stressing that he was not notified of the original complaint back in January of 2006. He told the board that the keel and rudder came with the boat straight from the manufacturer. He stressed that this was not a change/mod. The only changes to the boat were made after a fire onboard. The Chief Handicapper asked Mike about the performance of the boat and asked him how she finished in the fleet. He also asked him for race results. The discussion continued for quite a while with the board comparing the deltas of the SAN30PC's to the SAN30RC's and SAN30GP's. The PHRF Vice President remarked to the board that he had discussed the differences of the elliptical version of the PC with Tom Payne. After much more discussion with the owner he was excused and the board continued comparing the 3 different configurations of the SAN30/30. The Judge Advocate clarified the two issues 1.) Did the owner mislead PHRF by not reporting the elliptical keel and rudder on his original application and 2.) Is the boat rated fairly? The Area C representative noted that he races against the SAN30/30's and knows that Schock builds boats with inconsistent configurations. The board concluded that the boat owner did not mislead PHRF because the elliptical keel and rudder were on the boat when it came from the factory – thus there were no modifications to report. However, TEASER is not a "standard" 30/30PC because it contains an elliptical keel and rudder. It should be designated as a PC Mark II and given the advantage of its elliptical keel and rudder should owe the stock 30/30PC's 3 sec/mi. So, after discussion, the board concluded with a motion to adjust TEASER by -3 seconds a mile for the elliptical keel and rudder. M/S/P to rate TEASER /117/117/117/ regionally.

TAZ s/n 16719 (SCZ27) Tom Kottmeier – **New application with O/S Spinnaker** – Initial Reading Area A sent this to Regional for a decision. The Chief Handicapper recommends the standard /138/ 138/138/ for this board even though it has a slightly (less than ½") oversized spinnaker which could be a measurement error.

INDABA s/n 7287 (Hanse 40) Ian Hutchison – Request For Rating Review. [First Reading](#)

Owner asserts that he has been rated unfairly for an alleged bow extension. No race results were included and when contacted he said he does not have any because he thinks his rating is unachievable. Anita handed out information on the boat and the Chief Handicapper advised the board that he needs to see some race results before he can make a recommendation as to her rating. The board voted to table any discussion till the owner provides some race results.

FAST 40 Fleet Review – Wes Selby, Fast 40 Review Chairman

Wes handed out a comparison overview report on their findings adding that some to the boats on the list were no longer viable and that they plan to add some more boats and more race results after a few more 2007 races are completed. He will report to the board again next month.

Jeanneau 48 and Jeanneau 49DS – Chief Handicapper Review Request – [First Reading](#)

The Chief Handicapper addressed the board regarding the ratings for the Jeanneau 48 and 49DS. The owner of the 48 contacted him and asked him why he owed time to a faster boat. A first reading was voted on and passed to rate the Jeanneau 49DS to /75/72/72/, M/S/P. Anita was instructed to invite the owners of CIELO and ELIXIR to the meeting next month to discuss this change to their rating.

J145's - THE DOC, BAD PAK, RAINCLOUD AND SEQUOIA. – [First Reading](#)

Requested by the Area D representative for the purpose of re-rating these boats and all future J145's. The discussion centered around differences between the J133's and J145's. During review of race results from several regattas, it was observed that the J145 appeared to be unbeatable with their current rating and that it had the highest rating in the country for the J145. The PHRF Chief Handicapper recommended a /-15/ deduction to /24/-30/-36. M/S/P/ with 3 opposed. The owners will be invited to the Regional meeting next month to discuss this rate change.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Anita Cole
Fleet Secretary, PHRF of Southern California