

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Minutes of the Regional Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 2007

M/S/P to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007 Regional Board meeting with one correction. (typo)

Attendance: Rick Von Heydenreich, President; Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President; Steven Ernest, Judge Advocate; Cole Price, Chief Handicapper; Mike George (Area B); Eric McClure (Area C); Wes Selby & Dan Rossen (Area D); Steve Wyman (Area E/F) Chris Bennett & Dave Cattle (Area G); Anita Cole: Fleet Secretary.

New Business:

A discussion of the complaint against Ed Quesada, (SIRENA, s/n 77765) for physical and verbal abuse of two PHRF Area D board members (Dan Rossen & Wes Selby) at the Newport to Ensenada Race Trophy Presentations: A board member checked twice and Mr. Quesada was not to be found on the yacht club grounds. Wes Selby and Dan Rossen were present and brought a witness, Mary Beth Landry, who read a statement regarding Mr. Quesada's conduct at another time. Several board members asked questions and then she was excused. The board asked Wes Selby about the incident he reported and he explained the history of the angst between himself, the Area D board, and Mr. Quesada regarding the rating of his boat. He also provided evidence of yet another incident and police report where Mr. Quesada allegedly punched someone on a dock. The incident was never prosecuted. A discussion began about what should be done and the conclusion was that the Judge Advocate would write Mr. Quesada a formal letter notifying him that this board is considering disciplinary action for his conduct and inviting him to the July 17, 2007 PHRF Regional meeting to present his side of the incident to the board.

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report – Chairman Robert Plant

Robert was not present. The Chief Handicapper reported that Robert sent him the most recent decisions by his team and he had forwarded them to his advisory group. Hopefully they will get back to him in time for a first reading in July. He also asked the board to set a special meeting, as the second reading is expected to take at least 2 hours to go over all the boats and so that all the boat owners affected have an opportunity to present to the board. It was concluded that the second reading should be after the August PHRF CHAMPS Regatta and a date will be set at the July 17, PHRF Regional Board meeting.

2. Rules and By-Law changes – Judge Advocate, Steven Ernest

A preliminary draft of the changes was presented to the board last month. The PHRF president opened the discussion by asking the board for their input. A discussion ensued about the provisional ratings specifics and how they should be incorporated into the rules. After some discussion the Judge Advocate presented the changes he thinks should be made. M/S/P to make all initial ratings provisional for one year. The owner/manager of the boat will then be required to present 10 race results to the board in order to keep the rating. The PHRF Secretary was tasked with keeping the provisional ratings and notifying the owners when provisional year is coming to a close. She will also add the boats whose ratings are 'up' to the monthly regional agenda.

The rule changes are encompassed in the handout presented to the board, in addition to the following:

-in Rule 3.3, a sentence is added to the end reading "Thereafter, results from all races in which the vessel competed, numbering at least 10, shall be submitted by the member for use by the relevant Area, as well as the Regional Board, in evaluating the provisional rating and issuing ratings which are not provisional.

-in Rule 3.7, a sentence is added to the end reading, "These initial ratings shall be subject to the same requirements as those applicable to provisional rated boats under rule 3.3, above." The Judge Advocate will draft the changes and send them to the PHRF Secretary so they can be finalized and presented to the board for a vote next month.

3. Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Wes Selby, Review Chairman

Wes asked the board to postpone this review. He needs a bit more time to finish his report. The board agreed to address this report next month.

President's Report: A discussion of US PHRF's issues with PHRF of Southern California.

A letter from US PHRF Chairman, Paul Ansfield, was presented to the board and the SO CAL President stated the basics of the problem between SO CAL and the US PHRF leadership. The problem originated around the boat LIZZIE B, sail numbers 97017 and 97017A. LIZZIE B's representative, Art Engle, came to the SO CAL Regional

board on behalf of the boat owner to request that the boat be re-rated for an O/S pole. Mr. Engle did not like the rating and initiated an appeal to the US PHRF board which was not signed by the President of PHRF of Southern California because he and the board felt the original US PHRF decision did not take into consideration the performance of the boat. This stalled the appeal. The Regional board discussed the letter and concluded that our president would agree to the US PHRF hearing provided the changes in Mr. Ansfield's letter are implemented and the two year "clock" for LIZZIE B on the outstanding appeal start with the original appeal decision, that a new 2 year "clock" would not be acceptable.

Vice President's Report: 2007 CHAMPS progress.

The PHRF vice president, Zoltan Katinsky, handed out a preliminary CHAMPS 2007 Notice of Race for the board to see. Several changes were noted. He will make the changes and get the NOR to the PHRF Secretary so it can go to the printer and be mailed by the first week of July.

Data Systems Report: The Data Systems officer was not present

Area Reports: A-G

(Due to the length of the agenda tonight the areas will send their reports to the PHRF Secretary separately)

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. CHEETAH, s/n 87654 (PET68) – Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review – **Second Reading**
The board voted in April to rate change this boat's rating from /-54/-60/-63 to /-66/-75/-81/, provisionally for the boat's O/S Spinnaker. The board asked the owner for race results and tabled the discussion in May pending receipt of those results. The owner sent in a request for a second certificate for non use of water ballast along with some race results. The discussion ended with M/S/P to stay with the rating decision from April and issue a second certificate for /-66/-66/-72 for non-use of water ballast.
2. Jeanneau 48 and Jeanneau 49DS – Chief Handicapper Review Request – **Second Reading**
The board voted to rate the Jeanneau 49DS (ELIXIR and CIELO) /75/72/72/ last month. The owners of ELIXIR, Chad and Kerri Downey, presented a packet of information on the differences between the DS (deck salon) and the 48. Chad stated that the DS is a cruising version and only slightly similar to the 48. He continued with his race results and how the boat is maintained and raced. They were excused and the board discussed his remarks. The owner of CIELO sent an email stating that his Jeanneau was the SO (Sun Odyssey) version. The discussion ended with M/S/P to leave the ratings for ELIXIR and CIELO as is at /87/84/84.
3. J145's – THE DOC, BAD PAK, RAINCLOUD AND SEQUOIA – **Second Reading**
The J145's were re-rated from /-9/-15/-21/ to /-24/-30/-36/ at the meeting last month. Kenny Kieding, representing THE DOC s/n 7145, addressed the board about the boat's condition and readiness to race. He agreed that the current rating is a little soft and handed out a packet of race data. Tom Holthus, BAD PAK s/n 56203, also addressed the board handing out information and race results of his boat. Jim Moore from SEQUOIA, s/n 93145, did the same. After some questions from the board the men were excused and the board discussed the race results. M/S/P to issue new certificates to these boats with a rating of /-21/-27/-30/.
4. INDABA s/n 7287 (Hanse 40) Ian Hutchison – Request For Rating Review. - **First Reading**
The owner asserts that he has been rated unfairly for an alleged bow extension. The secretary handed out the information and race results sent in by the owner. The board discussed the owner's assertions and race results and voted M/S/P to deny his request and keep INDBABA at a rating of /63/57/57/ at this reading.
5. DIAVOLA s/n 7666 (Rocket 22) Gray Marshall – Request for Rating Review – **First Reading**
There have been allegations of racing without notifying PHRF of modifications to this boat. The Secretary handed out the information provided by the owner and the Chief Handicapper, having spoken to the owner, explained the reasons for the mast and other changes to the boat. The board gave him a temporary rating for CAL Race week of /102/. A discussion ensued and ended with M/S/P to keep the rating the same at this reading and ask to owner to send PHRF the class rules for the Rocket 22 one design class if he wants the boat shown as an "OD" given that some of the dimensions that it is rated for exceed PHRF Class Rules because it assumes OD dimensions.

6. FIREFLY s/n 26001 (Sierra26) Kurt Pearson – Request for Rating Review – [First Reading](#)
The board tabled this reading because the race results sent in by the owner not summarized for this meeting. The secretary was asked to contact him and request that he make the results easier to read and make a spreadsheet of the results stating exactly what he was asking for. She was also ordered to remove the OWC rating from this boat as it is a Category IV boat.
7. ENZO s/n 8975 (Hobie 33) William Grasska – New Application/ Initial Rating
This boat's application notes an oversized spinnaker; stiffened hull, fat head main. The Chief Handicapper suggested /78/60/45 as a rating. The board discussed his suggestion and voted M/S/P to issue a certificate for ENZO with the rating of /75/57/45, provisionally.
8. TOP KNOTCH s/n 1077 (CAL20) – Modification, Oversized pole – [First Reading](#)
The board discussed the modification and voted M/S/P to change the rating for TOP KNOTCH from /276/276/276/ to /267/267/267/ at this reading.
9. LANAKAI s/n 56371 (RHODES33), Tom Zetlmaier – [First Reading](#)
The owner sent in new measurements on his boat and spinnaker and is questioning his rating as opposed to the Rhodes 33, MADNESS, s/n 56464 which was rated in October of '06 /153/144/144/. LANAKAI is rated /138/138/138. The owner addressed the board and handed out race results. He asked the board to give him a better rating than MADNESS due to his results. He thinks the boat should rate either /156/ or /160/. The board asked several questions and excused him. The board voted to rate LANAKAI and MADNESS /153/153/ at this reading, but remove the OWC rating because this boat is a Category IV boat.
10. MYSTIC FLYER s/n 56473 (Islander44) Thomas Warden– New application/Initial Reading
The measurements on this application do not match the measurements of the ISL44's in the data base. The secretary handed out copies of the application and after a discussion of the measurement differences voted to issue a certificate for MYSTIC FLYER at /120/120/120, provisionally.
11. ROSEBUD s/n US27740 (STP65) Kevin Miller– New application/Initial Reading
After the Secretary handed out copies of the application and the Chief Handicapper handed out a comparison spread sheet the board discussed this boat comparing it with several other large boats in the fleet. M/S/P to issue them a temporary rating of /-126/ for this weekend's race only and discuss the race results next month. The Chief Handicapper will notify the owner.
12. TNT s/n 93000 (TRIPP47) – Wes Selby – Request for Rating Review
Wes is requesting a Buoy rating adjustment from /12/ to /21/ for Long Beach Race Week. Wes handed out pictures of his boat in comparison to another and a race data comparison spreadsheet. He was excused and the board discussed his request. M/S/P to leave his Buoy rating the same.
13. DESPICABLE II s/n 7293 (ADMIR30) – Bill Johnson
Request for Waiver of Standard PHRF Specifications re: pulpits and lifelines.
The board looked over the information sent in by the owner and voted M/S/P to deny his request.
14. FOGGY s/n 563656 (BEN44.7) – Frank Gehry & Earl Biggs – New owner, formerly Quiver, Modifications [First Reading](#)
The PHRF Secretary handed out copies of the application and the Chief Handicapper handed out a comparison spreadsheet and explained the modifications. He suggested /30/27/24/ as a rating. After a discussion of the oversized pole and spinnaker the board voted M/S/P to issue FOGGY a certificate at /30/27/27/.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 PM

Respectfully submitted
Anita Cole
Fleet Secretary

