

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Attendance: President: Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President: Chris Bennett, Chief Handicapper: Cole Price, Rick Ruskin (Area B), Eric McClure (Area C), Robert Plant, Wes Selby & Dan Rossen (Area D) Ward Brady (Area E/F), Mika Roberts and Mike Roach (Area G) and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

Meeting began at: 6:05 PM

The minutes from the April 15, 2008 meeting were approved. M/S/P

New Business:

Dan Rossen asked the board to review the MIR rule. Many, many racers are getting paid by owners or managers to helm or do tactics on their boats. The MIR rule is generally being ignored without any protests from competitors. It was noted that ISFA has a Sailor Classification List and all racers should join it and get 'rated'. The discussion concluded with a resolve to look into the matter.

It was also noted that US Sailing is proposing a new rule that anyone who helms a boat must be a member of US Sailing. There was much discussion, but no conclusion.

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report -Chairman Robert Plant – First Reading

After many long months of work Robert was able to hand out their report on the 50 foot 'fleet' and a discussion began on how these boats competed in the 2008 Yachting Cup and the Ahmansen Series. The review analysis continued with explanations of the graphs in the report. A First Reading on STAGHOUND was voted on to re-rate the boat from /-51/-51/-51 to /-60/-60/-69/. Also a First Reading for the ID 48's was voted on and approved for a rating change from /-24/-27/-30/ to /-30/-33/-36. M/S/P to accept these recommendations.

It was decided to notify the boat owner/managers of this First Reading and invite them to the Second Reading next month so the board can have their input.

Also Robert will bring the committee's recommendations for the 60+ footers next month.

2. Fast 40 Fleet Review Report -Wes Selby, Review Chairman

Wes gave a short report on the committee's progress and promised to have a complete spreadsheet report next month.

3. Columbia 30 Review – Dan Rossen

Dan reported that the review is not going very well because they have not seen many Col 30's out racing and the difficulty of comparing these boats because they are so varied and modified. Ward addressed the many and varied configurations of these boats and strongly advocated that the committee should start from the stock version and add seconds to the modified versions. He owns a Col 30. The board and Dan concluded that they need to see more race data and inputs from the Columbia 30 owners who are calculating their own rating differentials for the Col 30's various configurations before any decision can be made by PHRF SO CAL. The Review committee will continue gathering race information and report back next month.

4. One Design: Rule 3.5 revision – Judge Advocate

This report was tabled as the Judge Advocate is ill and could not be here.

5. Rules Violation Committee Report on TEASER, s/n 97371, Mike Guccione & Guillermo Rasse

The report will be presented next month.

President's Report:

The 2008 PHRF Championship Race (August 9-10) is coming up. Two of the sponsors are confirmed as well as a third in the works.

Vice President's Report:

West Marine may be that third sponsor and Sailing Pro Shop is being courted. The negotiations will be confirmed by the end of the month. The NOR's must go to the printer at the end of May.

Data Systems Report: None this month.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: Rick reported that the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club race organizers will not honor PHRF temporary ratings. Zoltan reminded everyone that PHRF doesn't influence what yacht club race committees do.

Area C: Eric reported that they rated a BEN40, CLAIRE ELISE, /99/93/93/.

Area D: Robert reported that they rated 2 Columbia 5.5's, but that there are questions about the ratings. Cole handed out a spread sheet on the boats. See Item 10 below.

Area E/F: No meeting last month.

Area G: See the meeting notes on the Area G (San Diego PHRF) website.

Provisional Ratings Report: there are no provisionally rated boats from May 2007.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. LIZZIE BORDEN s/n 97017 (Mariah 27) Dick Hampikian – Appeal of Area B rating decision.

PHRF President, Zoltan Katinszky reported that Art Engel has appealed the SO CAL board's decision to US Sailing regarding Area B's decision to re-rate this boat /123/123/123/. It was decided that Zoltan sign the appeal notice, but that PHRF include a letter to US Sailing asking that they ensure that the panel selected to hear the appeal be fair and above influence. The PHRF President, Judge Advocate and Chief Handicapper will collaborate on the letter and it will be sent ASAP. M/S/P.

2. CARMAGNOLE s/n 51647 (BEN40.7) Dan Howard – Modification; use of a MHD halyard on his spinnaker.

Anita handed out the information the owner sent in and after some discussion the board voted to issue a second certificate to CARMAGNOLE with a /-6/ across for the use of a Farr 40 spinnaker, with no rig changes to Ic or Jc. which will be /45/48/51/. The boat currently rates /51/54/57/.

3. AKELA s/n 69011& 69011A (R/P77) David Janes/Bill Turpin/Peter Heck – Temporarily rated for N2E race. In April this boat was given a temporary rating of /-120/-123/-126/ for 69011 which is a FCT jib and /-129/-132/-135 for 69011A for the MHD jib.

Anita handed out the information Peter sent in and Peter addressed the board regarding the uneven battens on his main. The board informed Peter that they will be removing Rule 6f from the Class Rules. Peter then explained his handout and asked for a rating comparable to PELIGROSO & MEDICINE MAN. He was excused and the board discussed his presentation after Cole handed out a spreadsheet comparing the boat to MAGNITUDE 80, SRM III, PELEGROSO and some others. The board continued discussing the spreadsheet including AKELA's performance in several recent races and voted to rate AKELA /-129/-132/-135/ for the MHD configuration & /-120/-123/-126/ for their FCT configuration.

4. FARR GONE s/n 46163 (BEN42S7) Richard Ruskin – Request for a 2nd certificate for an oversized spinnaker. Rick withdrew his request.

5. FREE RANGE CHICKEN s/n 7122 (Perry59) Bruce Anderson – Request for Rating Review. 1st Reading
Anita handed out the information the owner sent in and the board discussed it and then voted a /+3/ to its OWC rating at this first reading. Anita was instructed to inform the owner that they want to see more race data and to put it into a spread sheet format.

6. MARGARITAVILLE 1/12 s/n 50100 (52' SLP) Tim O'Sullivan – Request for Rating Review and Modification (adding a bow sprit).

The information was handed out and Tim began by asking the board what penalty he would get for adding a bow sprit to the boat. There was a long discussion about many other boats racing with bow sprits now without any penalty. Some boats use a bow sprit but do not increase their sail area. The discussion concluded with a decision to do some research on the boats that have bow sprits now and penalize those boats 6 seconds who do have bow sprits that increase their Jc. If they do not increase the Jc: then there would be no penalty. Anita was instructed to include a flyer in the Notice of Race for CHAMPS next month that informs all owners who have put bow sprits on their boats to report them immediately to the PHRF office.

Regarding the Request for a Rating Review of MARGARITAVILLE the board tabled a decision until they get the Big Boat Review Report on the 50+ boats due next month.

7. STAGHOUND s/n 69152 (R/P50) Artie Means – Requested by Area G's Chief Handicapper.

A potential rules violation.
Boat owner Alex Oberschmidt, plus Graham Kelly and Dave Ullman represented the boat to the board. Graham began by asking the board what the rules violation was. Mika Roberts, Area G, Chairperson explained that the Area G board was presented with photos that the battens on the boat were illegal. They also received an inquiry and sent it to the Regional Board. Graham stated that the rules posted on the PHRF website in October of last year did not include the rule so when Dave Ullman printed the PHRF Class rules and did not find it there he assumed the rule had been removed and made the sail with the uneven battens. The PHRF Secretary told the board that those rules were posted accidentally. They were being revised and the wrong version of the rules was sent to the webmaster to post. When the mistake was discovered the rules were immediately removed from the website. The new revised rules were approved and posted a few weeks later. PHRF will provide its findings of the facts directly to SDYC since they requested PHRF's advice.

After a discussion about Class Rules Appendix A, Paragraph 6.1.f the board concluded that the rule was left over from the days of IOR and voted unanimously to remove it. The Judge Advocate will be informed of this vote and asked to review it and the Chief Handicapper was tasked with recommending a 7/8 girth measurement limit to be added to Appendix A 6.2.b.

Zoltan then informed the STAGHOUND representatives of the Big Boat Review's recommendation to re-rate them along with the other 50 foot boats. They were invited to the meeting next month for a second reading and asked to bring their input.

8. VIKKTOREUS s/n 56370 (BEN35S5) John Dodge – Requested by Area G's Chief Handicapper
Review of the boat's rating. 15% larger AYSO and bow sprit.

Anita handed out the information on the boat and explained that when she compared this boat to the other BEN35s5's in the data base she erred in not noticing the 15% oversized AYSO and bow sprit and rated it /132/129/126/. Mika advised the board that the Chief Handicapper for San Diego recommends a rating of /126/120/120/. M/S/P to re-rate VIKKTOREUS /126/120/120/.

9. ANGRY HILLBILLIES, formerly SLUG, s/n 56267 (ZAP26) Paul Moore - Requested by Area A
Review of all the ZAP 26 ratings. SPARKY s/n 67978 ('04) and ZAP s/n 57453 ('04). First Reading

Anita handed out the certificates for the Zap 26's. Cole added that he's received several phone calls from competitors complaining about the rating of these boats because the national average is /132/. The boats are rated /144/144/144/ in So Cal. He recommends /135/132/129/ to the board for ANGRY HILLBILLIES. A discussion began about the differences in these 3 boats. After the discussion the board voted to rate ANGRY HILLBILLIES /135/132/129. ZAP /129/123/123/ and SPARKY /135/132/129/. M/S/P.

10. ENCORE s/n 56725 (COL5.5) Vince Valdez & Kevin Wolfe – Rating Review requested by Area D

After a short discussion the board voted to table this request so Cole and Robert could have more time to review it and get more input including race date from the owner.

Adjournment: 10:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary
Anita Cole.