

# PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Attendance: President: Zoltan Katinszky, Vice President: Chris Bennett, Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest, Rick Ruskin (Area B), Eric McClure (Area C), Robert Plant & Dan Rossen (Area D) Steve Wyman (Area E/F), Mika Roberts, Mike Roach and David Cattle (Area G) and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

Guests: Rick von Heydenreich and Rick Gorman (Area C)

Meeting began at: 6:19 PM

The minutes from the May 20 meeting were approved with corrections.

New Business: No new business

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report: Chairman Robert Plant – Report on the 50+ Fleet and a Second Reading on the rating changes to the 1D 48's and STAGHOUND.

Robert handed out a report on the 50+ fleet and a short discussion began on the report comparisons. No vote was taken, the Big Boat Alignment continues.

STAGHOUND was asked to come in to discuss the board's decision last month to change their rating from /-51/-51/-51 to /-60/-60/-69/. The owners of the 1D48's were also asked to come in to discuss their re-rate from /-24/-27/-30/ to /-30/-33/-36 as a Second Reading. All the owners were displeased with the board's decisions and made it clear that they didn't think they were fair. Oscar Krinsky, owner of the 1D48, CHAYA, addressed the board and stated that their crew and race preparedness was the reason for their race results. He handed out some race results. Alec Oberschmidt, owner of STAGHOUND, also addressed the board about their race history and the crew's preparedness. Graham Kelly of STAGHOUND addressed the board & handed out some race data but it was not in a spreadsheet format.

The board decided to table the Second Reading decision for tonight and asked all parties to come back next month with race data in a spreadsheet format including delta times. The owner of EMIRAGE II, David Bassett-Parkins, did have his race data in a spreadsheet format and handed copies out to the board. The men were then excused until next month. The men asked the committee to look at the race results of ZEPHYRA, BLUE BLAZES and STARS & STRIPES as well.

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

Wes was not in attendance this month.

3. Columbia 30 Review – Dan Rossen

Dan advised the board to use the configuration and rating of RAVEN, s/n 56604, owned by Bill Brownson & Ward Brady or PACIFIC HIGH, s/n 56601, owned by Steve Washburn as a base because their boats are as near to original as possible and then to subtract seconds from the other configurations. There are so many variations of the Columbia 30 that it is impossible to align them without some sort of base configuration. He then handed out a spreadsheet of his recommended rate changes. There was much discussion and it was decided to use Steve Washburn's boat as the base (original dimensions) at a rating of /75/57/51/ and adjust all the others to this rating. Then it was noted that several of the COL30's don't have accurate dimensions on their certificates. The board instructed Anita to send notices to all current COL30 owners informing them that the COL30's were under review and asking them to come to the July meeting and to bring accurate dimensions for their boats. That will be a first reading.

#### 4. One Design: Rule 3.5 revision – Judge Advocate

The Judge Advocate will send the revision wording to the office by email.

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

The Judge Advocate spoke for the committee. Their opinion is that the boat does have a longer keel and elliptical rudder and they were not as forth-coming as they should have been when reporting it. The committee still has questions for the owners and asked the PHRF Secretary to invite them to attend the meeting next month for a face to face question and answer session. Another board member reported that they have added additional ballast to the boat as well. M/S/P the vote was unanimous.

6. Appendix A, paragraph 6.1.f Revision: This is the second reading on the board's decision to remove Appendix A, paragraph 6.1.f. from the PHRF Class Rules and replace it with a 7/8 girth measurement limit definition to be added to Appendix A, 6.2.b. The Judge Advocate reviewed the Chief Handicapper's suggested changes and approved them. There was a short discussion. The board voted to table the decision until next month when the Chief Handicapper can be present to diagram the 7/8<sup>th</sup> girth configuration for the board.

#### **President's Report:**

The 2008 PHRF Championship Race NOR (August 9-10) has been approved by the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club Race Chairman. Zoltan handed out copies to the board and asked them to read them over carefully and send any suggested changes to the office ASAP.

Zoltan cautioned the Regional board and all the Area board members to be very scrupulous about favoritism in board decisions. He advised all members to abstain from voting on rating changes for boats on which they crew or are friends with the owner/managers.

#### **Vice President's Report:**

Chris and Zoltan are still working on sponsors for the 2008 PHRF Championship race and will have the final decisions next week to go in the NOR.

**Data Systems Report:** The Data Systems Officer was not in attendance.

#### **Area Reports:**

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: Rick reported that the Area B board looked at the PET68, CHEETAH, and recommends a +12 rate change from /-66/-66/-72/ to /-54/-54/-60 Note: The 2008 certificate for this boat has CHEETAH's rating at /-66/-75/-81/ which would make the change /-54/-63/-69/. They also recommended /81/75/75/ for the Grand Soleil, ARTSEA. Rick is preparing a spreadsheet comparison of the 40 foot fleet in their area.

Area C: No meeting this month.

Area D: Robert reported that they began a review of the BEN405F, RAPID TRANSIT and asked him to come in for a meeting with the Area D board next month.

Area E/F: No meeting last month (no quorum). Email vote on the BALTIC37, TRIESTE, s/n 23875 recommending an area adjustment from /114/114/114 to /117/ 117/117/.

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

**Provisional Ratings Review:** The ISL 44, MYSTIC FLYER, s/n 56473 was rated provisionally in June of last year. The owner was notified of this review and did not reply. The rating stays at /120/120/120/.

## Chief Handicapper's Report:

\*The Chief Handicapper could not be at the meeting, but sent in his recommended changes to the PHRF SO CAL application and certificate. Each board member was given a copy of the changes and Zoltan asked them to read it over carefully and send suggestions to Cole and the office.

1. FREE RANGE CHICKEN s/n 7122 (Perry59) Bruce Anderson – Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading  
Anita informed the owner by email of the board's decision for a +3 to his OWC rating and requests to see more race results. His reply stated that he would no longer be racing PHRF. Request tabled indefinitely.

2. MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ s/n 50100 (52' Sloop) Jay Steinbeck – Request for Rating Review  
Last month the board tabled a decision on this request until the Big Boat Review Report on the other 50+ boats due this month. Because that report is still ongoing the board voted to keep MARGARITAVILLE'S rating the same until the Big Boat Review Report is complete.

3. STAGHOUND s/n 69152 (R/P50) Artie Means – Requested by Area G's Chief Handicapper.  
Decision tabled until next month. See Big Boat Review notes.

4. ANGRY HILLBILLIES (formerly SLUG), s/n 56267 (ZAP26) Paul Moore – Second Reading  
This review of ANGRY HILLBILLIES and all the ZAP 26 ratings was requested by Area A. The others are SPARKY s/n 67978 ('04) and ZAP s/n 57453 ('04).

Anita handed out some additional information sent in by Area A and noted Cole's recommendations. After some discussion the board voted to rate ANGRY HILLBILLIES /132/126/120; SPARKY /132/126/120/ and ZAP /129/123/117/. M/S/P.

5. ENCORE s/n 56725 (COL5.5) Vince Valdez & Kevin Wolfe – Rating Review requested by Area D – First Reading.  
After reading Cole's recommendations and listening to Rick Gorman's observations on this boat's performance the board voted M/S/P to change ENCORE's rating from /126/126/ to /165/165/...no off the wind rating.

6. An Dara Claddagh s/n 52170 (C&C33-2) Ken Henehan – Request for Rating Review – First Reading  
The owner is requesting his regional rating be changed from /126/ to /132/ across. Anita handed out his paperwork and after a short discussion the board M/S/P not to change his rating and to ask him to verify the spinnaker size.

7. SPARROW s/n 163 (PSN28) Ralph Weeks – Request for Rating Review – First Reading  
The owner maintains that the boat was incorrectly designated as a Pearson28 instead of a Pearson/Triton28 which rates much higher around the country.  
Anita handed out the information sent in by the owner and noted the Chief Handicapper's recommendation. After some discussion the board voted, (M/S/P) to change the boats type to a PSNTR28 and rate it /231/231/231/ provisionally.

8. ENTROPY s/n 50400 (Tripp41) Chris Hemans – Request for Rating Review – First Reading  
The boat rates /21/18/18/ regionally and /15/15/15/ in Area D. He asks for /24/24/24 in both.  
Anita handed out the information Chris sent and Chris handed out additional information and race results. A board member noted that the SLU measurement was incorrect and he was asked to correct it. He was excused and the board discussed his request. M/S/P to leave the rating the same until the Fast 40 Review is complete. Chris corrected the SLU and SLE measurements with Anita who will correct the certificate.

9. CHEETAH s/n 87654 (PET68) Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review – First Reading

The boat rates /-66/-75/-81/. He asks for /-51/-51/-57.

Anita handed out the request form. The owner was not present. The board tabled this request and asked Anita to ask Chris to come to the meeting next month to explain more fully his reasons for the rate change request.

10. INCREDIBLE s/n 46699 (Swan53M) Rick Gorman – Request for Rating Review – First Reading

Member, Roby Bessent, (HOOT MON s/n 7160) sent a letter requesting the board to review INCREDIBLE'S /78/63/63/ rating.

Anita handed out the letter and other information sent in. Rick (a member of the Area C board) addressed the board explaining his race history & crew. He showed the board photos of the boat showing its shoal draft/keel and went on to explain that he needed to correct his LOA from 54.6 feet to 52.68 feet and the displacement should be 44,000 not 46,000. The board asked several questions and after some discussion Rick and Eric McClure were excused (Eric crews on Rick's boat occasionally). The discussion continued and a vote was taken to rate INCREDIBLE /57/54/54/ at this reading. Rick was asked to confirm his P: and I: measurements for the Second Reading next month.

11. SALT PEANUTS s/n 018 (GP26) Brooks Dees – Initial Rating

This is a custom built boat that rates /75/75/75 in Northern California. Anita handed out the information. The board discussed it along with Cole's notes/recommendations and voted to rate SALT PEANUTS /69/48/42/.

12. HEATWAVE s/n 56316 (RH40S) Scott McClintock – Modifications.

He is adding a larger headsail, a mast head genoa. The board discussed the information sent in by Scott and voted for (M/S/P) a /-9/ for the modifications which will bring the rating to 33/12/9/.

13. FARR GONE s/n 46163 (BEN42S7) Rick Ruskin – Request for a Second certificate for using an oversized spinnaker.

Rick revived his request from last month and wants a /-3/ for using a wider by 5% girth spinnaker. The boat's rating is /78/78/78/ now. After some discussion the board voted to issue a second certificate to FARR GONE at /75/75/75/ for the use of the 5% oversized (wider/girth) spinnaker.

Adjournment: 10:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary

Anita Cole.