

# PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

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

Meeting began at: 6:11 PM

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

New Business: The board considered a question regarding Rule 6.4. They discussed the question of where it is legal to tack an Asymmetrical spinnaker. They found no reason to change the existing rule.

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report: Chairman Robert Plant – Postponed Second Reading of the Report on the Review's recommended rating changes for the 1D 48's [from -30/-33/-36/ to /-24/27/-30/] and STAGHOUND [from -51/-51/-51/ to /-60/-60/-69.]

Robert pointed to how CHAYA and STAGHOUND finished in CHAMPS this year and rested his case. STAGHOUND, represented by Alec Oberschmidt, Arte Means and Graham Kelly, handed out a large packet of race results and asked the board to consider how many races they do a year with boat and crew in constant racing preparedness. There was considerably more discussion and the men were excused. Then Oscar Krinsky, owner of the 1D48, CHAYA, addressed the board along with Chuck Ray and Chris Redman. Chris handed out some race data and explained his spreadsheet to the board. They stated that they could not find much of their race data. Wes volunteered to help them with that. The men were excused and the board discussed their presentation. The board asked Robert for his recommendations. He recommends /-57/-51/-51/ for STAGHOUND and /-30/-27/-30/ for CHAYA and all the 1D48's. M/S/P to rate these boats as Robert recommends.

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

Wes handed out the first part of his report comparing the boats and explained his conclusions. He asked the Chief Handicapper to look it over and coordinate with him on the concluding part of his report which will be finished by next month. The board discussed his findings, thanked him for his work and looks forward to the second part of his report next month.

3. Columbia 30 Review – Dan Rossen, Review Chairman

Last month the board voted a /+3/ on buoy for the entire fleet. Anita handed out the race comparisons sent in by the boats 2.7 SECONDS and UNCONTROLLABLE URGE. After considerable discussion on the length of time this review has taken because the fleet has not provided the boards requested information they heard from Ward Brady, RAVEN, and looked at the information he brought. He maintains that the 3 one design boats are restricted to a 105% jib by the OD rules and are not racing to their rating now. The board asked him many questions and he answered. RAVEN is asking for +12 seconds on RLC and a +6 on buoy for these boats, however, Ward did not provide any buoy race results. Louis noted that the boat 2.7 SECONDS is a beginner and his results shouldn't really count. The board excused the men and discussed the proposed Rating Changes Chart sent in by the yacht's designer and builder. Dan was not completely happy with their conclusions but conceded that they are close. M/S/P to re-rate these boats according to the

ratings set forth in the column entitled, "Reconciled" on the spreadsheet prepared by the boat's designer and builder.

4. One Design: Rule 3.5 revision – Judge Advocate – postponed until the September meeting

5. Rules Violation Committee Report on TEASER, s/n 97371, Mike Guccione & Guillermo Rasse  
Postponed until the September meeting as the owners request.

6. 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 finished definition of the rule was available for the meeting tonight, but a vote is postponed until the September meeting because we ran out of time

**President's Report:**

The 2008 PHRF Championship Race went really well. Next year's CHAMPS will be on the second weekend of August, 2009 and again at CBYC.

**Vice President's Report:**

Chris reported that they are already working on getting more boats to enter CHAMPS for next year.

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

**Area Reports:**

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: Report pending – ran out of time

Area C: No meeting this month.

Area D: Report pending – ran out of time

Area E/F: No meeting last month, no quorum.

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

**Provisional Ratings Review:** MALOLO s/n 52215 was rated provisionally in August of last year. The owner was notified and replied that he has not done 5 races and won't have any results until next year. Discussion postponed until September because the meeting went long and we ran out of time.

**Chief Handicapper's Report:**

1. MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ s/n 50100 (52' Sloop) Jay Steinbeck – Request for Rating Review  
The board tabled a decision on this request until the Big Boat Review Report was complete. Robert now says that the committee is not going review MARGARITAVILLE due to the fact that she has not been racing much. The office made an error in reporting that MARGARITAVILLE had requested a bow sprit be rated. The boat owner has not requested that a bow sprit be rated.

2. MOJO s/n 46703A (Venture Newport 23) Mike Inmon – Initial Rating

The rating discussion was tabled last month for more information. Rick Ruskin gave his report and handed out photos of the boat. After some discussion the board tabled a vote and asked the Fleet Secretary to contact the owner asking him to check over the application and confirm the dimensions of the configuration that he would like rated.

3. RELIANCE s/n 87178 (N/M 51TM) William McKeever – Request for Rating Review, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Anita handed out a memo from Jerry Montgomery and Eric explained his comments and the reasons for them. The Chief Handicapper suggested we leave this boat at /60/60/60/. M/S/P to leave RELIANCE at /60/60/60/.

4. STILL CRAZY s/n 18414 & 18414A (HOB33M) Robert Plant and Eric Champain – Modifications.  
Request for a second certificate. The Chief Handicapper gave this boat a temporary rating of 78/63/60/ for this configuration last month. The boat owner addressed the board and explained the modifications: an oversized boom and roached main plus double back stays. He handed out information on the changes and asked for a second certificate with a /-6/ or /-9/. He was excused and the board discussed his presentation. One of the board members who has raced against this boat and reported that on a 4 mile down wind leg of an RLC race STILL CRAZY showed significant speed, but had trouble going upwind in winds of 12 to 15 knots TWS in chop. The Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparing the boat to other turbo Hobie 33's. M/S/P to issue a 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate to STILL CRAZY at /78/63/63/.

5. FLYING DUTCHMAN s/n 87027 (HOB33OD) Rudy Van Kreuningen & Jason Herring – Modification  
Request for a second certificate. Last month the Chief Handicapper gave this boat a temporary rating of /78/60/54/ for using a masthead spinnaker and oversized pole.  
Rudy addressed the board regarding the modifications and his reasons for making them. There were several questions from the board and then the men were excused. The Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparing the boat to other turbo Hobie 33's. M/S/P to issue a second certificate to FLYING DUTCHMAN with a rating of 78/60/54/.

6. PETER COOPER s/n 56427 (CAT42II) Nelson Willis – Modification  
Oversized Jc: 11% increase on the Jc measurement. The board concluded that the reported pole length of 22.7 was a mistake and rated the boat for a Jc; of 18'.2". M/S/P/ to re-rate this boat from /108/102/102/ to 102/93/93/. The Fleet Secretary was instructed to find out what the actual spinnaker pole length is.

7. CHEETAH s/n 87654 & 87654A (PET68) Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review – First Reading postponed from July. The boat rates /-66/-75/-81/. He is asking for /-51/-51/-57.  
Chris addressed the board telling them that his boat is older, heavier, and has old appendages. His present weakness is in light air upwind. He handed out a race result spreadsheet and explained it to the board. Cole and the board asked several questions and then he was excused. After a short discussion M/S/P to give him +12 seconds on his non-water ballast certificate (87654A) which changes the rating from /-66/-66/-72/ to /-54/-54/-60/. First Reading.

8. HOOT MON s/n 7160 (CAL37) Roby Bessent – Allegations of unreported changes.  
The Fleet Secretary handed out the complaint and the boat owner handed out his rebuttal information. The board asked him some questions and then went out to the dock to view the boat. (He was asked and kindly agreed to bring the boat to the LBYC dock for inspection.) After returning to the meeting the board asked him many more questions as to his knowledge of the rules and when the obvious modifications were made. There was much more discussion during which he stated that he doesn't think he should be penalized. He was excused and the board went through the complaint point by point noting whether the allegations were

supported by observations/facts or not. The Judge Advocate pointed out the board's options. It was very clear that most of the modifications in the complaint had been made to the boat but were not among the modifications listed on an addendum attached to his original application for membership to PHRF. M/S/P to declare the current PHRF certificate invalid. The board will consider a new application for membership, listing ALL modifications made to the boat, but not before the September Regional Board meeting. The boat will then be rated as a new boat configuration addressing the modifications specified on the application.

9. TIGRESS s/n USA 80 (FT10OD) Dr. Laura Schlessinger/Ken Keiding – Request for a 2nd certificate. The request has been postponed until next month at the boat manager's request.

10. HEATWAVE s/n 56316 (RH40S) Scott McClintock – Request for a Rating Review – First Reading. In June the board re-rated this boat /-9/ for modifications which brought the rating to 33/12/9/. Scott addressed the board describing how the boat was rated initially and asked them to look at the boat again. He noted that the 8,000 pounds displacement reported on the original application was a guess because the boat was not finished yet. The boat actually weights 9,600 pounds. Given this important fact, the limited race history that he was able to provide plus ORR and IRC rating information he asked for /37/37/36/. He was excused and the Chief Handicapper addressed the board recommending /36/18/12/. There was more discussion and the board voted, M/S/P, to re-rate HEATWAVE /36/24/18/ at this first reading. The rating is to be provisional.

11. FLYER s/n 46658 (EVANS28) Noel Young – Modifications O/S Spinnaker, Pole, AYSO. The Chief Handicapper gave this boat a temporary rating for the S/B to K/H race of 75/69/63/. The owner called late today and in a recorded message wants to board to know he is not going to use the O/S pole and AYSO. The only change will be to the "I" dimension, which will go from 28.1 to 32'. The discussion was tabled and the Fleet Secretary was asked to contact the owner and find out if the Jc: will change as well.

Adjournment: 11:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary  
Anita Cole.