

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Attendance: President: Zoltan Katinszky, Chief Handicapper: Cole Price, Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest, Data Systems Officer: David Zaveski, Rick Ruskin & Bruce Fleck (Area B), Eric McClure (Area C), Wes Selby & Dan Rossen (Area D) Louis Holmes (Area E/F), David Cattle & Mike Roach (Area G) and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

Meeting began at: 6:20 PM

The approval of the minutes from the August meeting will be by email as the PHRF Secretary left them in the copier at the office.

New Business:

1. Question from Bruce Fleck regarding changes to boats: Appendix C

“If someone actually and knowingly changes out a broken part/parts do they need to report it to PHRF if the new part/parts are the same as the old or broken ones on the boat for rating?”

The board discussed the question and concluded that replacing a part with the identical or reasonably similar part that does not change the dimensions or the weight or the configuration of the boat does not need to be reported to PHRF of Southern California.

2. Email from Jerry Kaye offering DRYC as the host club for next years CHAMPS – August 8-9, 2009

The PHRF President recommended that the board take up nominations for The 2009 PHRF Vice President at this time as he/she will be principally responsible for CHAMPS next year. Nominations were taken and the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board voted to ask Eric McClure, Chairman of Area C, to accept the job. He agreed and the discussion continued, concluding that because we are already committed to CBYC for the 2009 CHAMPS the race will be held there. The Secretary was asked to write a letter to DRYC thanking them for the offer and informing them of the board's decision and that they are on the top of the list as the 2010 CHAMPS host club.

3. Complaint against Rick Ruskin from Jerry Kaye pertaining to a rules violation: temporary handicap.

The PHRF Secretary handed out the complaint sent in by Jerry Kaye to the board members. The PHRF President addressed the board telling the members that he and the Chief Handicapper consulted with the Area B Chairman, Curt Johnson. Curt told them that Rick admitted his error, withdrew from the race, apologized to the race organizers and the Area B board and offered to resign. The Area B board voted to NOT accept his resignation. Therefore the Regional Board of PHRF accepts the Area B board's decision and Rick's apology. Further discussion addressed the details relating to the complaint, Rick was reprimanded and it was emphasized that members of the PHRF Boards are held to a higher standard than our membership. No further action is needed.

Old Business:

1. Big Boat Alignment Report: Chairman Robert Plant – Not in attendance tonight.

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

Wes handed out his finished report with his recommendations. Because of the size of the report and the extent of the agenda tonight, he asked the board members to review it and offer opinions in emails to himself and the Chief Handicapper. They will coordinate on final recommendations. The recommendations will be available for a vote next month.

4. One Design: Rule 3.5 revision – Judge Advocate – added language to the revision (in red)
Rule 3.5 - Unless otherwise requested, in writing, by the PHRF member, a One-Design type boat shall be rated with the standard PHRF configuration (see Section 7). When a boat is rated with the One-Design configuration, it will be noted in the "Remarks" section of the Rating Certificate and put into the Manufacturers List in the data base. When racing in its One-Design configuration, the boat shall comply with all its One-Design class rules (including sail buttons, crew weight, etc.). Any modification to the One-Design class rules which might modify the boat's PHRF One-Design rating shall be furnished to the PHRF regional board immediately after the rule change becomes effective.

After some discussion the board voted (M/S/P) to approve the new language of the One Design: Rule 3.5 and update the rule 3.5 language.

5. Rules Violation Committee Report on TEASER, s/n 97371, Mike Guccione & Guillermo Rasse
The committee concluded that the PHRF board had previously investigated this boat, interviewed the boat owners and that the details including draft of the boat and weight of the ballast were reported & discussed at that time. However, the PHRF certificate was not amended to reflect this information because the details had not been provided by the owners in writing. The board asked the PHRF Secretary to write a letter to the owners asking them to ensure that all the information on their certificate is correct and to respond in writing or their certificate will be invalidated.

6. Rule Change: Remove Appendix A, Paragraph 6.1.f from the PHRF Class Rules. Second Reading
The Judge Advocate was asked to review the decision and the Chief Handicapper was tasked with recommending a 7/8 girth measurement limit definition to Appendix A 6.2.b. The Chief Handicapper's recommendation was approved in a first reading and he sent a precise wording to the secretary for publication.

The recommended definition is: "New 7/8 girth mainsail dimension of 0.22*E".

The Chief Handicapper also highly recommends that we change the Jc: & Ic: measurement on the application to Spl: and ISP: and ask applicants for additional information such as pictures, drawings and boat specifications.

The Chief Handicapper addressed the board reminding them that they removed the evenly spaced battens rule and replaced it with the rule above. The board briefly discussed the ramifications of this new rule and who it would affect. The Ic: and Jc: sections of the application will change to Spl: and Isp: measurement requirements assuming the owner of the boat will build the sail to fit the pole. These new configuration requirements will go on the 2009 renewal notices and also on the new Membership Application.

President's Report:

The PHRF President handed out the promised 2009 Race Calendar that he proposed some time ago for the PHRF Website. He asked the board to look it over and send him any additions or changes they recommend and then they will send it to the Data Systems officer who will put it on our website.

Vice President's Report: The Vice President was not in attendance this month.

Data Systems Report: A discussion about whether putting specific boat data on the website was possible. The Data Systems officer told the board that he had been looking over the Access database used by the office and found that it is aging is fast becoming obsolete. He highly recommends changing it to a SQL data base system. The PHRF President and other board members knowledgeable in data systems joined in the discussion. The conclusion is that until we can change the data base system putting specific boat data on the website was not feasible. The Manufactures Data Section currently on the website will have to do for now. The Data Systems Officer and the President will work together on a project for changing the data base in 2009.

Area Reports:

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: The Area B board would like the Regional board to consider changing the wording of the Cruising Class rule #7 to In-Mast furling and also change the wording of the Non-spinnaker Class Rule (1.4) on how whisker poles are to be used. After much discussion the conclusion was that it was not necessary to change rules. Rick Ruskin presented a request by Bill Webster that PHRF of Southern California require all boats racing with PHRF certificates to have Life Slings on board for safety. After some discussion the board concluded that it was not PHRF, but race organizers and yacht clubs that should require such safety equipment in their regattas. The Area B board also heard from Nik Vale regarding a new boat, an OPEN 6.5. They recommend a rating of /87/57/48/ to Regional when Nik applies for a rating.

Area C: No meeting this month.

Area D: No meeting this month

Area E/F: The Area E/F board discussed FLYER and sent their recommendations to the Chief Handicapper. They also heard from a COL30 owner not happy with the new ratings issued last month. They recommended to the owner that they go out and race with the new rating and then come back to the board with race results and ask for time.

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 '07.

The owner was notified and replied that he has not done 5 races and won't have any results until next year. M/S/P to leave this boat provisionally rated until next year.

Boats rated provisionally in September of '07

STING, s/n USA 55: J92S

Ken Keiding represented the boat, addressed the board and handed out a spreadsheet of race results. He explained the results and then was excused. After the board discussed his results they voted M/S/P/ to leave this boat's rating the same and remove the provisional status.

IT'S OK, s/ns 7249 and 7249A: AND50

Lew Berry, Alan Andrews and Barry Pursell represented the boat.

Lew handed out a packet of race data and addressed the board explaining his information. The board took a few minutes to digest the information and then asked him several questions, some of which were answered by Alan. They asked for a +6 to their rating. The men were excused and the board discussed their arguments. The board voted M/S/P to give IT'S OK a +6 on buoy only on the 7249 certificate and make it provisional.

XL, ANTRIM40, s/n 45000: Emails were sent but no replay. M/S/P to leave the rating provisional.

OCELOT, Fox44, s/n 28909: not renewed for 2008.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

- CHEETAH s/n 87654 (PET68) Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading**
Last month the board voted to give this boat +12 on the non water ballast certificate: (87654A). The rating changes to /-54/-54/-60/. M/S/P to rate CHEETAH on the non water ballast certificate /-54/-54/-60/ at this second reading.
- HEATWAVE s/n 56316 (RH40S) Scott McClintock – Request for a Rating Review – 2nd Reading**
Last month the board voted to re-rate this boat /36/24/18/. M/S/P/ to re-rate HEATWAVE at /36/24/18/. The rating is to be provisional.
- DOS AMIGOS DOS s/n 46966 (C&C110) Bob Hubbard– Request for Rating Review – First Reading**
Bob handed out more race data in addition to what he originally sent in and the board asked questions about the keel and the several keels the manufacturer has used over the last few years. He answered their questions from what he knew and addressed the board explaining the race data. He is asking for a +9/+9/+12. He was excused and the board discussed his information, especially the age of his sails. M/S/P to leave his rating the same. Eric McClure did not vote as he races against him. (No second reading required)
- MOJO s/n 46703A (Venture Newport 23) Mike Inmon – Initial Rating**
The discussion was tabled last month for more information. Rick Ruskin reported that he measured the boat's I and it is about 26 feet or aprx. 4 feet over standard. The Chief Handicapper addressed the board and recommended /234/225/219/. M/S/P/ to rate this boat as the Chief Handicapper recommends.
- FLYER s/n 46658 (EVANS28) Noel Young – Modifications O/S Spinnaker, Pole, AYSO**
Cole gave this boat a temporary rating for the S/B to K/H race of 75/69/63/. The owner called just before the meeting last month and said he is not going to use the O/S pole and AYSO. The only change is to the P: which will go from 28.1 to 32'. The discussion was tabled and Anita was asked to contact the owner and find out if the Jc: is changed as well.
The owner replied that the Ic: and the Jc: will remain the same. The only change is to the height of the mast. The Chief Handicapper says that is about 6.6% and recommends a /-6/. M/S/P to re-rate FLYER /96/87/84/.
- MILE HIGH CLUB s/n USA 33 (FT100D) Philip Infelise – Modifications (use of a Code 0 and smaller AYSO) & Request for a 2nd Certificate**
Anita handed out the information. The Chief Handicapper asked the board to table this request because it needs more research it. He asked Anita to contact the owner and suggest that the FT100D fleet modify their rules to include a Code O or they will all have to obtain and race with a straight PHRF rating when they use this sail.
- WARRIOR s/n 7125 (J125) Dr. Laura Schlessinger - Initial Rating, Modifications (new rudder & 10% larger E:)**
Ken Keiding represented the boat and handed out drawings of the new rudder. He is requesting two certificates: one for the stock E: measurement of 18' and another for the 10% longer E: at 19.8. The board asked several questions about the new rudder and he was excused. The Chief Handicapper recommends /-3/-3/-3/ for the stock boom and rudder and /-9/-9/-9/ for the extended boom and new rudder. There was more discussion and M/S/P to accept his recommendations. Two certificates will be issued. These ratings are provisional.
In the discussion it was alleged that most, if not all, of the J125's have changed their rudders. Anita was tasked with notifying the J125 owners that this allegation had been made, remind them of their obligation to inform PHRF of any changes to their boats and asking them to let PHRF know if indeed they had changed their rudders.

8. MARISOL s/n 56443 (J124) Seth Hall - Modifications (new spinnaker pole/Jc) Request for 2nd certificate

Anita handed out the information the owner sent in and the Chief Handicapper addressed the board recommending /-6/-9/-9/ for the modifications. M/S/P to issue MARISOL a second certificate at /33/30/30/ provisionally.

9. TAINUI s/n 93400 (Ben44.7) Robert Hayward - Modifications (O/S pole and AYSO) & Request for a 2nd certificate

Anita handed out the information the owner sent in and the Chief Handicapper addressed the board recommending that the board issue a 2nd certificate rating this boat the same as FRENCH BRED and HEART BEAT 2 because these boats have all made the same modifications. M/S/P to issue a 2nd certificate to TAINUI at 27/24/21/.

Adjournment: 10:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary
Anita Cole.