

# PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## Regional Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2009

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett, Vice President Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price, Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Data Systems: David Zaveski; Bruce Fleck (Area B); Rick Gorman (Area C); Wes Selby & Dan Rossen (Area D); Louis Holmes (Area E/F); Michael Roach (Area G) and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary. Guest: former PHRF President Rick von Heydenreich

Meeting began at: 6:15 PM

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

### **New Business:**

Clarification of Rule 5.5.6c in Appendix A and how it might be modified to allow a block for a tack line for asymmetrical spinnakers to be located in front of the headstay stem fitting to preclude interference with the bow pulpit. Rick von Heydenreich addressed the board regarding this rule and suggested that it be clarified. The rule requires a pulpit but the specifics are vague. A discussion began on how to re-write the rule. The PHRF president halted the discussion and asked for a volunteer to research the topic and report back to the board with a recommendation. Rick von Heydenreich volunteered.

Jerry Montgomery, Commodore of NOSA, addressed the board and handed out information on US Sailing's changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing especially as it pertains to the Newport to Ensenada race in April. Jerry requested that the Regional Board grant a waiver to several specific items delineated in PHRF SO CAL's Class Rules so NOSA can put the changes into the Sailing Instructions for the Newport to Ensenada Race. The board voted to approve the waivers. (M/S/P) Jerry will write a letter specifying the waivers and the PHRF of Southern California will approve it.

### **Old Business:**

Big Boat Alignment Report: Chairman Robert Plant – Robert was not in attendance

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report -Wes Selby, Review Chairman – No report this month.

J100 Fleet Review: It was noted by the Chief Handicapper that review of the J100 Fleet was a first reading in October and that a second reading of those ratings was required. The Fleet Secretary was asked to invite the owners to attend the February 17<sup>th</sup> Regional meeting for a second reading of their ratings.

**President's Report:** No report this month

**Vice President's Report:** Eric McClure, the new PHRF Vice President, asked the fleet secretary to write a letter to Del Rey Yacht Club confirming his agreement with them as host club of the 2010 PHRF Championship Regatta.

**Data Systems Report:** No report this month.

### **Area Reports:**

Area A: Not in attendance.

Area B: The Area B Chairman notified the board of two new members to their board: Jim Murrell and Fred Cottell. They reviewed the rating of the Ben 523, TRANSFORMER, s/n 7159 which they rated quickly by email in December for a race in early January. The Area B board changed that rating from /18/12/12/ to /51/45/39/ and requested the Fleet Secretary to send a new certificate with that rating.

Area C: The Area C Board rated the S&S 34, GYPSY SOL /177/177/177/.

Area D: The Area D board looked at the AND38, DOUBLE TIME s/n 7550 because of a letter of complaint they received and decided to ask the Regional Board to review the boat's rating. Many of the Area D board members race against this boat. The Area D board members present will see to it that the letter of complaint is sent to the regional office so the boat can be put on the February agenda.

Area E/F: The Area E/F representative noted that they also have a new board member, Robert (Bob) Lenard of HOMER J s/n 18126. They looked at the J80 HUNU. The owner requested that the OD rating be removed. He wants to race PHRF only. The E/F board asked the Fleet Secretary to send him a new certificate with the standard PHRF J80 rating.

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

**Provisional Ratings Review:** All boats rated provisionally in January of 2008 have not renewed their certificates, as yet, for 2009.

### **Chief Handicapper's Report:**

#### 1. STING, USA55 (J92S) Chuck Brewer – Request for Rating Review – First Reading

Chuck and Carl Swaisgood represented the boat. They handed out extensive information on how the boat is being reworked. Chuck explained that the former owner, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, had “gutted” it, removing the forward tank, head and much more. He plans it to restore it to the original configuration. He requested the board re-rate the boat as a standard J92S rating like in the rest of the country. The PHRF Chief Handicapper asked several questions and so did other board members about the repairs. Until the parts come from the factory they are using weights to compensate for the missing tank etc. The men were excused and an extensive discussion began. The PHRF Chief Handicapper explained to the new board members that SO CAL PHRF rates performance boats more harshly than the rest of the country so to restore this boat to a rating like in other parts of the US would not be consistent with the way that other performance boats are rated in SO CAL. The discussion continued and concluded with a decision to table a rating change until the owner finishes restoring the boat and gets some race data to support his request. The board then took up a discussion of the former owner's changes to the boat without notifying PHRF of Southern California. The discussion concluded with the decision to require the former owner to come in for a disciplinary hearing. The PHRF Judge Advocate will write a letter to her reminding her that she must notify PHRF when making such changes to her other boats and requiring that she or her representative come in for a disciplinary hearing. The Fleet Secretary was tasked with organizing all documentation on STING and sending it to the Judge Advocate.

#### 2. MAGIC LIGHT, 67335M (HOB33M) Brendan Huffman – Modification, replaced aluminum boom with a carbon fiber boom: same size

Brendan addressed the board advising them of the boom change and answered many questions. He was excused and the board finished discussing the boat. (The Judge Advocate recused himself from the discussion and vote.) M/S/P no change to the boat's rating.

3. COOL, 27731 (ISL30M) Bryan Dair – Modifications: Increased AYSO dimensions and O/S Pole  
The Fleet Secretary handed out the information sent in by the owner and a discussion ensued. The PHRF Chief Handicapper recommends /-9/-12/-15/ from /165/ to /156/153/150/ as the change is an increase to their current SPL which is 10% O/S to a total SPL measuring about 25% O/S from the stock SPL. M/S/P to re-rate COOL to /156/153/150/ for these modifications.

4. CHEETAH, 87654 & 87654A (Pet68) Chris Slagerman – Modifications: keel change from a fin to at T w/bulb

Chris addressed the board with friend Dave Sheesley looking on. He told the board about the new keel and the reasons for replacing it. He is also strengthening the hull to accommodate the new keel. He requested no rating change. The keel will be lighter and the draft will go from 9' to 11'. The men were excused and a discussion ensued addressing the keel change plus the bottom of the boat that has been stiffened. The board voted M/S/P for a -12 on both certificates. Certificate 87654 rating will change from /-57/-66/-72/ to /-69/-78/-84/ and certificate 87654A rating will change from /-54/-54/-60 to /-66/-66/-72/. This is a provisional rating change. This boat is being rated with a full interior.

5. IT'S OK, US 7249 & 7249A (AND50) Lewis Berry –Request for Rating Review – **First Reading**  
Lew and Alan Andrews addressed the board as they handed out the paper work on the requests. There were four requests. After reading the requests the Chief Handicapper and the board asked several questions and there was extensive discussion. The men were then excused and the discussion continued on the race results they presented. The Chief Handicapper suggested a /-3/ for just the new main on page one of the request taking the rating from /-45/-54/-54 to /-48/-57/-57 on certificate 7249 and from /-60/-63/-63/ to /-63/-66/-66/ on certificate 7249A. Also for the new main but without using the spinnaker pole a /+3/+6/+6/ which includes the /-3/ for the new main which would take the rating on certificate 7249 only to /-42/-48/-48/. He further went on to recommend a /-12/-18/-15/ for the reaching jib which is 22% bigger. This would change certificate 7249A to /-60/-63/-63/. Then issue a new certificate ,7249C, at /-72/-81/-78/ for the new main and new Genoa. M/S/P to change the ratings on 7249 and 7249A and issue a new certificate,7249C, as advised by the Chief Handicapper. Dan Rossen recused himself from voting as he races against this boat. The ratings are provisional.

6. VEGAS ESCAPE 56712 (BEN58) Larry Walters – Initial Rating

The Chief Handicapper handed out a spread sheet comparing this boat to others near its size. The discussion and vote were tabled as the board determined that they need more information and some pictures before making a rating determination.

7. ENTROPY s/n 50400 (Tripp41) Chris Hemans – Request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate for an O/S pole  
Chris addressed the board regarding the new 10% oversized pole noting the rating change for the FARR40's O/S/ pole. Chris was excused and the board discussed his presentation. The PHRF Vice – President suggested /-6/ across; M/S/ but no pass. The Chief Handicapper suggested /-6/-9/-12/ from /21/18/18/ to /15/12/9/. M/S/P. Wes Selby did not vote or participate in the discussion.

8. STAGHOUND, 69152 (R/P50) Artie Means represents the boat. There is an Appendix Rule 6.1.E question re: non conforming main sails.

The Chief Handicapper pointed out that late last year the board reviewed race data for all three courses (Buoy, RLC & OWC) and then adjusted the appropriate rating/s. The race history used to rate the boat was collected using the non-conforming Main so all that needs to be done is to note the certificate that the boat is rated with that main. The Fleet Secretary was asked to add a note to the PHRF certificate documenting that the boat has been rated for a non-conforming main.

9. OCEAN BLUE, 56711 (TAY55) – Jim Kinzy, Initial Rating.

The PHRF Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparing this boat to other similar boats and a discussion began. He recommends /63/60/57/. It is noted that this boat used to be AMAZING GRACE s/n 46478 from Area E/F in 2007. However for some unexplained reason no record of this boat can be found in the main data base. M/S/P to rate OCEAN BLUE /63/60/60/. The rating is provisional.

10. CRASH OVERRIDE, USA 017 (Open6.50) – Jerome Sammarcelli – Currently a Category IV boat: no OWC rating as it has removable lifelines and no pulpit. The owners are requesting a waiver on the Category IV designation so they can race in Category I-III races. After some discussion the board voted M/S/P to deny the waiver.

Adjournment: 10:16 PM

Respectfully submitted by PHRF Fleet Secretary, Anita Cole.

Note 1: The PHRF of Southern California Executive Board met at 5 PM.

Agenda: The PHRF budget

- PHRF SoCal Financial status
- The Dos Amigos Dos Appeal
- PHRF's office employee

Note 2: The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be February 17, 2009 – 7 PM at ABYC in Long Beach.