

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – 6 PM ABYC

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett; Vice President: Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; David Zaveski; Area A: John Thawley; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Robert Plant, Wes Selby and Dan Rossen; Area E/F: Louis Holmes; Area G: Michael Roach and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary. Guest: former President Rick von Heydenreich.

The meeting began at 6:10 PM

The minutes from March 17th meeting were approved with one correction.

New Business:

An email memo from Dr. Schlessinger was presented to the board and was discussed. The discussion concluded with a decision for the PHRF President to call Dr. Schlessinger and clarify the position of the board and then follow up with a formal letter if need be.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Wes Selby and Chief Handicapper: Cole Price
No Report at this time. Discussion tabled until the May 19th meeting.

Clarification of Rule 5.5.6c in Appendix A - Second Reading/Final Approval

Last month the board voted (M/S/P) to change the wording of Rule 5.5.6c as follows:

“When flown from a spinnaker pole normally used with a symmetrical spinnaker, the pole shall not exceed “SPL” without a rating adjustment. When flown without a pole the tack of the sail will be attached, either directly, with a pennant, or a tack line to a tack block that is anchored a distance that does not exceed 6 inches of the rated “SPL” for that boat. The anchor point of the tack or tack block shall be within 3 inches of the boat’s centerline. Please refer to Appendix C related to modifications.” The above clarification was explained to the members of the board who were not present at the time it was approved. The board decided to add a reference to Appendix C. **“Please refer to Appendix C related to modifications.”** M/S/P to add this sentence to the above. This will be the First Reading of this addition. A second reading will be next month.

Access to Member Information: Last month at the request of the Area B Chairman the board decided to allow some yacht club associations access to our member’s names, addresses and email addresses for specific regatta invitations only. Strong restrictions and qualifications would be enforced. The Area B Chairman said he would discuss this with the association in question and get back to the board.

The Area B Chairman and the Judge Advocate have been discussing this proposal via e-mail. The board discussed several options on how to provide member information to yacht clubs and race organizers without jeopardizing their privacy. Several officers voiced the opinion that the valid list should not be given out at all. After extensive discussion the Data Systems officer was asked to research an electronic method **whereby distribution lists could be developed that allow the PHRF Fleet Secretary to send the information securely to those associations and yacht clubs desiring to send race flyers to our members for a small fee.**

President's Report: The PHRF President has been in contact with NOSA regarding the last minute ratings for several boats that want to race. The board will expedite the approval of these minutes so Anita can forward the ratings to NOSA Wednesday morning (before noon). He also gave a report on the telephone conference meeting with U.S. Sailing regarding the DOS AMIGOS DOS appeal and commended the Chief Handicapper for his diligent and extensively thorough presentation. As a result of this meeting U.S. Sailing agreed with the decision of PHRF of Southern California.

Vice President's Report: The PHRF Regatta sponsorship research is not going well. One of the sponsors from the last 3 years will not be sponsoring the regatta this year. The PHRF VP will keep trying and will be exploring many cost cutting ideas to lessen the expense of the race.

Data Systems Report: No Report this month.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: The Area A board elected a new Chairman at their 4/14 meeting: Eric Schlegeter and invited the Ventura Sailing Club to send a delegate to represent the club at their monthly meetings. They rated 6 boats: A Pyramid 660 was rated 111/96/NA/; a Catalina 38 was re-rated for a bow sprit addition to 102/99/96/; a Morgan 54 was rated 66/60/57/; a Dehler 34 was rated /132/132/132/; A Seaward 26RK was rated /222/222/222/; an X-452 was rated /45/45/45/.

Area B: Not in attendance

Area C: The Area C board met on April 7 and gave an ESSE850 a /+6/ to 75/66/ and removed the OWC rating on a first reading. They also voted no change to a Kirby 30 request. They rated a NPT41S /99/93/93/ for an oversized head sail and new rudder (modifications) and an X-41 was rated 24/24/24/.

Area D: The Area D board sent the Reynolds boat to Regional and tabled DOUBLETIME for more research. They discussed the BEN405, RAPID TRANSIT, but no decision was made as the boat has been sold and they will wait for the new owner to apply. They also discussed the Sydney 38, but are waiting for more information.

Area E/F: No Meeting

Area G: The Area G board met and rated 12 new boats. Please see the San Diego PHRF web site for their decisions.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. PREVAIL s/n 28725 (SCZ52) William Guilfoyle and PARANOIA s/n 27007 (SCZ52) Rick von Heydenreich Request for Rating Review. Second Readings Last month the board voted a /+6/+6/+6/ for these boats and asked the owners to prepare a spreadsheet comparing their race results. The SCZ52T, RELENTLESS's owner, Bill Durant, was invited to join the discussion.

Rick von Heydenreich, Bill Guilfoyle, Bill Durant and Rick Brizendine were present and Rick von Heydenreich handed out a packet of new information and then addressed the board regarding the physical differences of the boats. They discussed HORIZON and the SCZ50M's in San Francisco. There many questions and answers discussed. The men were excused and the board continued the discussion. M/S/P to add a /+6/ to the whole SCZ52 fleet (all 3 ratings), but leave the SCZ50 ratings as they are now.

2. MARISOL, s/n 56443A (J124) Seth Hall – RRR – First Reading
Seth addressed the board asking for the same rating at Regional that he has in Area D for his second certificate. Use of a pole is not standard on this boat. Seth was excused and the board voted M/S/P no change to the Regional rating. The certificate 56443A will be noted “2nd certificate for a spinnaker pole no oversized spinnaker.”
3. MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ (Custom 52) Jay Steinbeck – Request for Rating Review- First Reading
Dave Ullman addressed the board regarding the race history packet presented. The representatives were excused and the board voted M/S/P for a /+6/+6/+6/ at this first reading.
4. STARS & STRIPES s/n 61119 Dennis Connor – Provisional Rating Review. Second Reading
Last month at the Provisional Rating Review of STARS was given a /+3/+6/+9/ from /-75/-72/-72 to /-72/-66/-63. The PHRF President explained the decision from last month. The Area G Chairman then added some more race data/information on how the boat is sailed and suggested an OWC rating change only. After a short discussion the board voted. M/S P with 2 abstentions a rating change of /+6/ to the OWC rating only to /-75/-72/-63/.
5. CAYENNE, s/n 41626 (J37) Donald Becker & AG Kading - Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading
Last month the board voted to adjust this boat (+6) on all ratings from 75/75/75/ to 81/81/81/ in Area D only. The Area D board sent this boat to Regional because many of the board members race against it. M/S/P to give this boat a /+6/ on all 3 ratings.
6. YIPPEE KAI YAY, s/n Pending (Antrim 40) Barry & Sue Senescu – Initial Rating
Last month the owners were asked to prepare a spreadsheet comparing the VPP’s of this new design with the XL and provide the board with some race data from an East Coast Open 40 called “OWEN CLARK”.
Barry handed out the requested information on this new boat. It is still being finished. After a short discussion he was excused and the board voted, M/S/P to rate this boat /0/-15/-21/.
7. AMAZING GRACE, s/n 56409 (Vector39) David Bloom – Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading
Last month the board voted to adjust this boat (+6) on all ratings from /186/174/174 to/ 192/180/180. The Chief handicapper handed out a spread sheet comparison on this boat. A rating of /230/230/230/ was proposed, but defeated. M/S/P to rate this boat /192/180/180/.
8. DESPICABLE 2, s/n 7293 (ADMIR30) Bill Johnson – RRR tabled from last month. 2nd Reading
The board voted this boat a (+6) on RLC only as that was primarily the race data he presented. The owner was asked to send in specific race data on his other races in a spreadsheet format.
There will be an email vote on this 2nd Reading. The information the owner sent in was left in the copier by the PHRF Secretary. Sincere apologies to Mr. Johnson.
9. VALKYRIE, s/n 56718 (TP52) Greg Stewart & Andy Rasdal – Initial Rating.
Andy addressed the board and handed out a packet of information asking for 2 certificates on his configurations. He was excused and the Chief Handicapper handed out a spread sheet comparing this boat to others. The Area G Chief Handicapper recommends /-81/-84/-90/ for his In Shore configuration and /-84/-90/-96/ for his offshore configuration. After more discussion the board voted M/S/P to rate VALKYRIE as suggested by the Area G Chief Handicapper. The Judge advocate excused himself from the discussion because he races on the boat.

10. CAZADOR, s/n 28385 (TP52) Ernie Pennell – Initial Rating

The Area G board and Chief Handicapper recommend a rating of /-78/-84/-90/ for CAZADOR. The Judge Advocate left the room during the discussion because he races against the boat. M/S/P to rate this boat /-78/-84/-93/. The certificate will be noted “Sprit boat – No pole”

11. VIKKTOREUS, s/n 56370 (BEN35S5) John Dodge – request rating change for replacing his O/S AYSO with a smaller (legal) AYSO. Area G recommends no rating change because the boat has been using a “legal” sized spinnaker and performing to its current rating.

The Area G Chairman advised/explained to the board that the owner sent in the wrong dimensions on the AYSO on his original application and this is a correction only. M/S/P – No change to the rating.

12. OEX, s/n USA 88 (SCZ70M) Peter Tong – Request for Rating Review – First Reading

Bobby Frazier and Peter handed out a packet of race data, addressed the board and asked for a /+12/ on buoy and a /+6/ on the RLC rating. The discussion centered on comparing OEX to GI. The men were excused and the board continued the discussion. M/S/P for no change to the rating at this time. There will consequently be no Second Reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary.

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be May 19th at ABYC in Long Beach.