

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 – 6 PM ABYC

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Area A: John Thawley; Area B: Rick Gorman; Area C: Rick Ruskin; 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 6:13 PM

The minutes from April 21st meeting were approved with two corrections.

New Business:

A discussion of the PHRF MIR RULE has been requested by the Area B Chairman, Bruce Fleck: The Area B Chairman could not make the meeting so the PHRF Secretary read the request to the board and a discussion followed with no conclusion. Area B board member Rick Ruskin volunteered to talk to the Area B chairman, get a clarification of his request and report back at next month's meeting. Following the discussion the Area G chairman informed the board that since he is teaching sailing he is technically an MIR (Marine Industry Racer, Class Rule 8.5) and asked for an MIR waiver. M/S/P to grant him this waiver. The PHRF Secretary will send him a letter stating that he has an MIR waiver.

A discussion/clarification of the CHEETAH 30's RLC ratings requested by the owner of SUPERFLY s/n 46830. The secretary handed out certificates for all the CHEETAH 30's in the system. Only one, SUPERFLY, is current. The discussion was brief and tabled pending some research by the secretary on the reason for the RLC ratings in the past.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Wes Selby and Chief Handicapper: Cole Price
The report tabled until the June 15th meeting.

Clarification of Rule 5.5.5c in Appendix A - Second Reading/Final Approval

In March 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. After 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.”** to the wording change. M/S/P to add this sentence to the above. This was the First Reading of this addition.

At this second reading and after a short discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to use the above wording to change Appendix A Rule 5.5.5c of the PHRF Class rules.

Access to Member Information: The discussion continued on the details of how best to allow some yacht club associations access to our member's names, addresses and email addresses for specific regatta invitations only. Since the Data Systems officer (who is working on an electronic distribution system) could not be at the meeting the discussion was tabled until he could be present.

President's Report: The PHRF President gave a short report on the Newport to Ensenada race and thanked the PHRF Secretary for her work to get all the last minute ratings to NOSA in time for the race.

Vice President's Report: Since the PHRF Vice-President could not be at the meeting the PHRF President filled in for him and reported that our past President, Zoltan Zatinszky, who is a member of CBYC, is helping with the CHAMPS sponsorship search and might have a title sponsor for us. He will let us know as soon as possible. A raffle system was discussed and the Area E/F representative was asked to help out with the prizes for that.

The PHRF secretary reminded the board that it's getting late in the year and the NORs for the regatta must go out the last week of June.

Data Systems Report: Not in attendance.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: No meeting this month.

Area B: The Area B board met on 4/14 and heard a rating request from Jubelation, a J100, asking for a /+12/ on buoy [/90/ on buoy to /102/]. The Area B board voted to give him a /+3/ on buoy, but since the owner did not present race results the adjustment was tabled and he was asked to bring race results. They re-rated a Martin 243, Gimme Shelter, s/n 7800 from /69/ to /78/ on buoy and they recommended to the Regional board a rating for Marine Trader 41, BABYSAN III, /201/201/201.

The representative gave a short report of the Area B meeting on 5/12. The minutes of that meeting are not in yet.

Area C: No meeting this month.

Area D: The Area D board met to discuss the BEN405, RAPID TRANSIT, but no one from the boat attended the meeting. The N/M 55, BOLT, was referred to Regional.

Area E/F: No Meeting this month

Area G: The Area G board met. Please see the San Diego PHRF web site for their minutes.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ (Custom 52) Jay Steinbeck – Request for Rating Review- Second Reading
Last month the board voted for a /+6/+6/+6/ rating adjustment. [M/S/P] for the /+6/ across rating adjustment at this second reading.
2. 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. He did so and the information was handed out to the handicappers. After a lengthy discussion of the spreadsheet and the handicappers' knowledge of the boat it was decided [M/S/P] that there just wasn't enough data to justify his request and so the request was declined. The Regional board suggested that he take his request to the local Area C board since he races in that area almost exclusively.
3. BLITZ s/n 46973 (CAPR23.5) Michael Difede – Request for Rating Review. 1st Reading
The owner handed out a packed of information/race results and addressed the board. He asked for a /+6/ on buoy, /+9/ on RLC and OWC. The handicappers asked several questions which he answered and then he was excused. After a short discussion it was concluded that since most of his race data was local to Area E the Regional board declined his request and referred this request to the local board.

4. DÉJÀ VU s/n 35008 (ID35) Thomas Payne – Request for Rating Review. 1st Reading
The owner handed out a packet of information on his boat. Representatives from Flying Fiche and LUCKY, s/n 35007 were also present. He asked for a /+12/ RLC and OWC. The board asked several questions about his presentation and then asked him along with the other ID35 reps, to come back next month with a significantly more detailed spreadsheet of race results. Request tabled until June.
5. OPEN 650's, Jerome Sammarcelli – Request for a waiver of the bow pulpits rule for these boats.
Jerome addressed the board and stated that he was representing Robert Bray's OPEN 650, CRASH, but also all the OPEN 650's. They have detachable lifelines that can be affixed to the boat when racing offshore, a furling jib that can be controlled from the cockpit, but no bow pulpits because there is no reason to go forward on these boats to deal with the sails. Jerome pointed out that Melges 24's don't have pulpits, yet they race in Category 3 events. Nik Vale was also present and after some questions from the board they were excused. The board voted [M/S/P] to grant a bow pulpits waiver for Category 3 races only for the OPEN 650's.
6. O'HANA, s/n 40031a (FARR40-2) – Request for a second certificate for a MHD spinnaker and OS pole.
This configuration is nearly the same as FAR NIENTE, s/n USA370D which rates /0/-3/-6/.
After a very short discussion the board instructed the PHRF Secretary to issue this boat a second certificate at the OD rating of /0/-3/-6/ after verifying that its dimensions are similar to those boats already rated for this configuration.
7. JOY, s/n 7166 (20'SLP) Bill Dunlap – Request for Rating Review – 1st Reading.
The owner handed out information/race results on this boat and requested a/+27/ from /276/ to/303/.
After a few questions from the board he was excused and the board voted [M/S/P] to give the boat a /+12/ +12/+12/ at this reading.
8. UHAMBO, s/n 56134 (Fast 42) David Chase – Request for Rating Review – 1st Reading.
The owner handed out his information and addressed the board. He wants to add a new roachy main which would take the P: from 48.5 to 49.5. He wants a rating adjustment from 54/51/48/ to 63/ 54/54/.
The board asked a lot of questions about his race results, his sail configuration and boat design. The board decided to table any review and asked him to come back next month with complete race results in a spreadsheet format including his competitors and some photos or drawings of the boat's configuration.
9. CHEETAH, s/n 87654 (PET68) Chris Slagerman – Request for Rating Review – 1st Reading.
Chris addressed the board about his race results. They discussed his racing in the Berger 3 race and how he fared compared to G.I. After some more questions from the board he was excused and the board continued the discussion. [M/S/P] to deny his request for a rating change, because he needs to race the boat more frequently with a steady crew.
10. MER-SEA, s/n 56727 (BEN523) Thomas Hynes – Request for Rating Review – 1st Reading.
The request was tabled until the June 15 meeting as the owner could not be here tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be June 16th at LBYC in Long Beach.

