

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Regional Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Christopher Bennett; Vice President: Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Wes Selby; Area E: Louis Holmes; Area G: Michael Roach and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary. Guest: former PHRF board member Bruce Cooper

The meeting began at 6:05 PM

The minutes from the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

New Business:

Buoy Rating Definition: The board discussed the Class Rules definition of the Buoy rating and the types of courses on which it should be used. The current definition requires that the Buoy rating be used on windward/leeward courses with moveable marks that allow the course to be kept square to the wind. However several yacht clubs hold races around fixed marks, but assign courses that are intended to be windward/leeward. This has proven inequitable to boats whose Buoy and RLC rating vary considerably – especially sprit boats. The PHRF Chief Handicapper is working on a new definition of the Buoy course for the PHRF Class rules. He will forward it to the board in an email so that it can be refined electronically by the board.

A PHRF and OD ratings question: The Regional board has been asked to look at the way OD ratings & PHRF ratings are used.

The Area C Chairman addressed the board stating that the OD rule is, at times, being “loosely interpreted” and used this example: some J105’s are choosing the rating they want based on the anticipated wind strength. They use the OD rating when there is heavy wind. Should they be given time for using their #3 when the rest of the fleet is using their #3 with out time credit? Another board member added that OD rules are often violated i.e. not strictly monitored. Example: crew weight and fender requirements. The PHRF President ended the discussion with a suggestion that more research needs to be done in this matter and our guest added that he thinks it should be a full year race review. The Area C Chairman will do further research and get back to the board.

PHRF Rules Question: It has been reported that the latest website update does not contain the correct formulas in Appendix A, articles 5.3 and 8.2 (pages 10 & 12), for calculating the maximum dimensions of asymmetrical spinnakers on boats designed to carry a symmetrical spinnaker.

The formula should say "1.03" rather than "1.15" for boats designed to carry a symmetrical spinnaker. The 1.15 formula applies only to boats that were designed to carry an asymmetrical spinnaker as the normal downwind sail. Some of our members have purchased spinnakers with incorrect dimensions based on the incorrect formula posted on our website.

The PHRF Chief Handicapper suggested that we correct the dimensions in Article A, but not "grandfather in" the boats that purchased the oversized AYSOs. Boats who were designed to carry a symmetrical spinnaker that purchased a spinnaker to the 1.15 dimension should declare the sail and the board will be fair about rating this change. The PHRF Secretary will make the correction to the rules and put a notice on the web-site notifying members that the rule has been corrected.

#### Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Area C Chair: Rick Gorman & Chief Handicapper: Cole Price  
Rick presented his ideas for the review. He highly recommends that the whole PHRF fleet be looked at with several “bench mark” boats singled out and used to adjust the fleet. He challenged the board to help identify which boats to use. Our guest suggested that the local boards take up this task as they are the most familiar with the boats in their areas. The Area E/F Chairman noted that the “bench mark” boats need to have been around for a while with extensive observed performance and race history.

Rick asked that the Manufactures List be distributed to the board members to be gone over “boat by boat” for corrections. The PHRF secretary was instructed to send copies of the list to the board. A short discussion ensued regarding modifications and how the penalties are assessed. Rick will continue refining the report criteria and get back to the board.

Access to Member Information: The Fleet Secretary asked for a clarification of this new system before it is put into practice. Anita handed out her questions regarding email contacts and the board went over the guidelines for the new practice: “Contacting the Fleet” requirements.

Her main question is regarding requests for mailings other than email. The decision of the PHRF board is this: PHRF will no longer be providing our member’s information in label format. A yacht club or race organizer can request a mailing. The organization requesting the mailing will be required to send the notice or advertisement in a “camera ready” format to the PHRF office at least 7 working days prior to the requested mailing date along with a check for the postage and labor. The cost will be .75 per label.

\* Mailing lists will no longer be provided to race organizers.

President's Report: The president and vice president are meeting with and inviting several candidates to join the PHRF board.

Vice President's Report: The PHRF Championship Regatta had to be cancelled this year due to lack of participation. The VP and Chairman of Area E/F are working with a potential sponsor laying the ground work for a new CHAMPS format including a new date and yacht club participation. Further they want to poll the membership asking them to specify what changes they’d like to see in the race or indeed if they want to participate in a PHRF sponsored race at all. Many board members and our guest had suggestions for the poll. The PHRF VP will finalize the questions for the pole and work with the Data Systems officer to post it on our website or use an outside polling company.

Data Systems Report: No report this month.

## Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance; no meeting

Area B: Not in attendance.

Area C: The area C board met and discussed a request by OLD GUYS RULE. The request was denied.

Area D: The Area D board had a phone meeting discussing IT'S OK. The discussion was continued until next month.

Area E/F: The Area E/F board met with Mike Difede of BLITZ and because they all race against him they referred his request to the Regional Board. They recommend a /+3/ buoy adjustment and a /+9/ RLC adjustment, but no OWC adjustment for Area E/F because they do not have OWC races in Area E/F. See #4 on the Chief Handicappers Report.

Area G: The Area G board met and reviewed the rating of the J92s JIM. They re-rated the boat for Area G only /+6/. They also looked at SRM V which is on the agenda tonight.

## Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. MARISOL. s/n's 56443 & 56443A (J124) Seth Hall – Request for Rating Review- First Reading  
Last month the board denied this review as no race results were presented. Seth has reinstated the request and sent in race results. He thinks the penalty for the use of a spinnaker pole is too harsh. Bruce Cooper represented the boat and handed out a packet of race results with the request. The PHRF Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparison. Bruce went over the request and a discussion ensued centering on the fact that the 1 foot SPL is standard to the boat and as such shouldn't be penalized. After a lengthy discussion Bruce was excused and the board continued discussing the age of the boat's spinnakers. It concluded with the decision to give him 3 seconds time back on the 56443A certificate: M/S/P It will go from /33/30/30/ to /36/33/33/ at this first reading. The Regional board recommends that Area D adjust the local rating of this boat.
2. PROBLEM CHILD, s/n's 50665 and 50665M (B32) Dan Rossen – Modification  
Dan wants to know if he can get a /+6/ rating adjustment if he adds a 2 foot sprit to his boat but doesn't use his O/S pole and a /-3/ penalty if he uses both in a race. The discussion was tabled until September as Dan could not be at the meeting this month.
3. STARK RAVING MAD V, 52006 (TRNSP52) Jim Madden – Initial Rating  
Last month SRM V was given a temporary OWC rating of /-105/ by the Chief Handicapper for the Santa Barbara to King Harbor race. He handed out a spreadsheet comparison and explained his findings to the board which included the results of the SB to KH race. He noted that he consulted several advisors when coming to his conclusions. SRM V was compared to SAMBA PA TI who's rating for their heavy keel and M/H Genoa configuration is /-102/-108/-114/, yet the boat has sailed to this rating. After a discussion that considered that SRM V is of a newer design (although SAMBA has a new keel) and a larger M/H Genoa, the board voted to rate SRM V /-105/-111/-117/: M/S/P with one abstention.

4. BLITZ, s/n 46973 (CAPR23.5) Michael Difede – Request for Rating Review – First Reading  
Michael is not happy with the Regional Board's decision to refer his request to the Area E/F board last month. He has requested that the regional board honor his original request and review his rating. He sent in more race results.

Michael and Bruce Cooper handed out a packet of supplemental race data to add to the data Anita handed out to the board. Michael addressed the board explaining how the boat handles in weather, especially choppy conditions. He explained the race data and the board asked several questions mostly about the condition of his sails and how he races. He was then excused and the Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparison on the boat. The Area E/F representative recommends a /+3/+9/ no OWC adjustment in Area E/F only. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P for a /+3/+9/+9/ adjustment taking the Area rating from /114/90/84/ to 117/99/93/. The Area E representative abstained from the vote. The Regional rating will remain unchanged. This is a first reading.

5. OUT OF THE BOX, s/n 7900 (Beneteau Oceanus 31) – Initial Rating

Anita handed out the application and the Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparison and explained his reasoning for a rating of /144/144/144/. M/S/P (with one abstention) to rate this boat /144/144/144/.

6. SLEEPING BEAUTY (formerly MOJO), s/n 46703A (MACG23) Mike Inmon – Modification  
Added a big roach main.

The Chief Handicapper and Anita handed out the drawing and photos of the new main. Mike wants to eliminate his oversized AYSO and use an oversized main. The Chief Handicapper recommends a /+6/ back on OWC only, from 234/225/219 to 234/225/225/. After a short discussion the board voted, M/S/P, to give this boat back a /+6/ on the OWC rating and a /+3/ on the RLC rating: from 234/225/219/ to 234/228/225.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at LBYC in Long Beach.