

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Regional Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: Vice President: Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Area C: Rick von Heydenreich; Area D: Robert Plant, Wes Selby & Dan Rossen; Area E: Louis Holmes; and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

The meeting began at 6:07 PM

The minutes from the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

New Business: No new business

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Area C Chair: Rick Gorman & Chief Handicapper: Cole Price  
No report at this meeting: Rick Gorman was not in attendance.

Buoy Rating Definition: The PHRF Chief Handicapper presented a new definition of the Buoy course for the PHRF Class rules that included a recommendation by the Judge Advocate. The board discussed the proposed new definition and voted unanimously to approve the following as a first reading: “The BUOY Rating is assigned to windward/leeward courses with no reaching legs. The windward leg is no longer than five (5) nautical miles.”

A PHRF and OD ratings question: The Area C Chairman took on the task of researching this issue. He was not present at the meeting so the question was tabled. A small discussion started regarding boats that use OD ratings but are not following the OD rules. Anita was asked to put a notice in with the 2010 certificates reminding owners of OD boats/certificates that they are required to and must comply with all aspects of their One Design Class rules including, but not limited to sails, configuration, crew weight, etc. in order to use their one design ratings.

PHRF Rules Question: Anita reported to the board that the formulas in Appendix A, articles 5.3 and 8.2 have been corrected and posted to the website.

President's Report: The president is on vacation.

Vice President's Report: The Area E/F Chairman and Jerry Kaye of Del Rey Yacht Club are working diligently on the 2010 PHRF Championship Regatta. They have many ideas for its promotion and will present them to the board in future meetings.

Data Systems Report: Not in attendance.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: Not in attendance.

Area C: The Area C board met, but had no boats to rate. They discussed several ideas for improving racing in their area.

Area D: The Area D board met and discussed BOLT, the NM55, in its standard configuration at a first reading. They looked at the BEN 43, FIRST FAMILY II and referred it to Regional for an initial rating. They also asked the Regional Board for a rating review of the AND38, DOUBLE TIME.

Area E/F: The Area E/F board has not met yet this month.

Area G: Not in attendance

### Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. MARISOL, s/n's 56443 & 56443A (J124) Seth Hall – Request for Rating Review- Second Reading  
The Chief Handicapper wanted Seth and/or Bruce Cooper who represented the boat last month to have an opportunity to address the board's question prior to voting on a second reading. Last month's decision to give MARISOL 3 seconds back on the 56443A certificate from /33/30/30/ to /36/33/33/ was tabled.
2. PROBLEM CHILD, s/n's 50665 and 50665M (B32) Dan Rossen – Modification  
Dan addressed the board explaining the addition of the bow sprit and asked for /+6/ rating adjustment for 1.6" sprit if he doesn't use his O/S pole and a /-3/ adjustment if he uses both in a race. Dan was then excused and the board discussed his request. After some discussion the board tabled the request asking Dan to provide the measurements of his AYSO and a diagram of the new configuration.
3. BLITZ, s/n 46973 (CAPR23.5) Michael Difede – Request for Rating Review –Second Reading  
At the request of the owner last month the board voted a /+3/+9/+9/ area adjustment taking the Area E/F rating from /114/90/84/ to 117/99/93/. However the Judge Advocate pointed out that in the Rules the Regional Board does not have the jurisdiction to make an Area adjustment. So the Regional Board voted M/S/P to recommend to the Area E/F board the /+3/+9/+9/ rating adjustment. The Area E representative abstained from the vote. The Regional rating will remain unchanged. When/if the Area E/F board verifies to the office that they approve the rating change, the certificate will be updated.
4. FIRST FAMILY II, s/n 60125 (BEN43) Liz & Mark Mueller – Initial Rating  
A re-designed BEN 423 Oceanus. Anita handed out the application and the Chief Handicapper handed out a comparison spreadsheet plus his rating recommendation. The board discussed the design and whether the boat is a sprit boat. The board voted M/S/P to rate FIRST FAMILY II /69/66/66/ provisionally. The certificate will be noted "sprit boat, no pole."
5. CAZADOR, s/n 28385 (TRNSP52) Ernie Pennell – Request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate - Added a MHD Genoa.  
Anita handed out the information on the new Genoa and the Chief Handicapper made a recommendation of /-9/-9/-9/. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P for his recommendation. So the second certificate will be /-87/-93/-102/.
6. MACAVITY, s/n 97796 & 97796A (CAT38) Joe Launie – Modification: use of electric winches  
Anita handed out the winch data/specification information Joe sent in and the board began a lengthy discussion of whether to allow electric winches or not, because some members feel it greatly improves

the handling of the boat and thus the ability to win races. After a lengthy discussion the board voted /-6/ for the use of 3 electric winches on MACAVITY. The rating on certificate 97796A will be treated from /102/99/96/ to /96/93/90/ and on certificate 97796 from 114/114/114/ in region and /117/117/117/ in Area A to 108/108/108/ in region and /111/111/111/ in Area A.

NOTE: this is not a precedent. Boats requesting the use of electric winches will be rated individually.

7. DOUBLETIME, s/n 7550 (AND38) Alan Andrews – Area D Board requests a Rating Review. The Area D Chairman handed out a packet of race results and the Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet of comparisons. Several rating adjustments were discussed based upon the boat's race results, configuration, age, (including condition of sails) observed performance, limited race results and design as compared to other, similar boats in the fleet plus the upwind and downwind ratio comparisons. After some discussion the board voted to change DOUBLE TIME's rating from 75/75/75/ to /57/57/57/. The Judge Advocate and the Area D Chairman abstained from voting. This is a first reading.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be October 20<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at LBYC in Long Beach.