

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Vice President: Louis Holmes; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price and Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest

Area A: Max Rosenberg, John Thawley and Eric Schlageter; Area B: Jerry Kaye and Bruce Fleck; Area C: Rick von Heydenreich; Area D: Robert Plant and Dan Rossen; and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

The meeting began at 6:18 PM

The minutes from the November Regional Board Meeting were approved as written

New Business:

The PHRF Judge Advocate addressed the board regarding some Bylaws overlooked in the past. He reminded the board that any decisions made which violate the bylaws are void.

The 5 member PHRF Executive Board is the only body that can vote on corporate business. The Area Chairperson, or his designate, may vote on the rating or reviewing of boats under the heading of the Chief Handicapper's Report. No one may vote on a rating which affects his boat.

He further reminded the Regional board of the terms of their participation on the Area boards, which is limited to four consecutive years, at which point they are ineligible to again participate for two years.

Request for a Class Rule 10: 1; 10:2; 10:3; and 10:4 clarification requested by Paul DeCapua of NOSA

Paul could not attend the meeting this evening so the Chief Handicapper addressed the board explaining the phrase of the last sentence in 10:1-4: "Area ratings apply if the race course starts and finishes in the same area." However many races start and finish in the area, but part of the race course leaves the area. This brings the question. Is the Area rating to be used when the course leaves the area? The discussion began with the suggestion that the last sentence of the rules be deleted which would allow the yacht clubs or race organizers to apply whatever rating that they choose. After more discussion a motion was made to restate the last sentence of Rule 10:1-4. "It is suggested that Area ratings apply if the race starts and finishes in the same area unless a large portion on the race course leaves the area." The motion was seconded, but failed to pass.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman, Area C Chairman and Chief Handicapper:
Rick was not in attendance. Report due in February.

President's Report:

PHRF President, Eric McClure, urged the Area representatives to strongly encourage racers to join PHRF and remind yacht clubs or race organizers to require non-spinnaker racers to have PHRF certificates. A board member suggested a letter be sent to the yacht clubs to that affect. Eric agreed to write a letter.

Vice President's Report:

No report tonight.

Data Systems Report: not in attendance

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: The Area A chairman, Eric Schlageter, addressed the board and reported that Area A looked at a J22 and suggests a rating of /186/186/186/. The application has not yet been received by the secretary.

Correction: Should have been reported as /177/177/177/.

At the conclusion of this Regional meeting of PHRF of Southern California Max Rosenberg of Santa Barbara asked to address the board regarding a disagreement between Area A1 (Santa Barbara) and Area A2 (Ventura, Oxnard, Channel Islands). Area A1 wants to be separate from Area A2, have their own board and representation at the Regional meetings. He gave reasons of distance (25 miles apart); different racing conditions and lack of representation. He has organized a group of racers willing to form a board to represent Santa Barbara as its own Area.

It was noted by another member of the Regional board that Area A has not attended the Regional meetings regularly for over a year. The current Area A representative agreed that they have had quite a bit of difficulty with leadership due to work and personal problems of their board, but have corrected the problems and will be attending regularly in the future. Another member voiced a concern that because Santa Barbara only has 2 yacht clubs participating in this proposal that when the current leadership is termed out or leaves there won't be anyone willing to represent them. Max Rosenberg, Eric Schlageter and John Thawley were excused while the Executive Board discussed the matter.

After the discussion the Executive Board of PHRF of Southern California voted to split Area A into 2 distinct and separate areas. Ventura, Oxnard and the Channel Islands will now be considered Area A. Santa Barbara will become Area I. The vote was unanimous.

Area B: The current Area B chairman, Bruce Fleck, announced that he will be leaving next month and Jerry Kaye will be taking his position as chairman of the Area B board. He reported that the board discussed the PACSEA31, SOLACE and recommends a rating of /204/192/192/ to the Regional board.

Area C: The Area C board met and discussed the J40, LIBERTY. They recommend a rating of /72/69/66/. They also had a first reading on a request for a local rating change for the ADMIR30, DESPICABLE 2.

Area D: No meeting.

Area E/F: Not in attendance.

Area G: Not in attendance.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. IT'S OK, s/n's 7249, 7249A, 7249B, 7249C (AND50) – Requested Rating Review, Second Reading Reviewed. At the November meeting the board did not know that Mr. Berry and Mr. Rose were waiting in the lounge to be heard regarding the rating adjustment for IT'S OK and voted a rating for Certificate 7249A at /-72/-75/-75/ and for Certificate 7249B /-57/-63/-63/ provisionally. Certificates 7249 and 7249C have been eliminated. A letter of apology was sent on November 30th and they have been invited to address the board this month.

The PHRF Regional Handicappers introduced themselves and Lew Berry, Andy Rose and Alan Andrews introduced themselves and told the board they want to eliminate certificate 7249A and keep 7249B (fractional jib) only. After a bit of explanation as to the reason for their decision they requested a rating of /-48/-54/-54/ and asked that the certificate be renamed 7249. The men were excused and the board reviewed the reasons for their decision in November plus the team's race results. After the discussion they voted [M/S/P] to rate IT'S OK, s/n 7249 /-48/-57/-57/ for their fractional genoa & masthead kite configuration. This rating is provisional. The Judge Advocate left the room during the discussion and vote.

2. RELENTLESS, s/n 35012 (1D35) Tim Fuller – Request for a Rating Review: First Reading

This review was tabled at the November meeting as the board required more information.

Tim addressed the board regarding the changes he's made to the boat. (smaller E; slightly smaller square top main; extended pole; added a fixed sprit and eliminated the spectacles on the halyard etc.) He told the board that he was trying to modernize the configuration. He was then excused and the board began a discussion of his presentation. The SPL has changed from 14'8" to 17'1" (apx. 2.3 feet or 15%). The Chief Handicapper recommended giving him a (+6) as the boat's current rating of /24/9/9/ compared to the other 1D35's at /39/27/27/ is too harsh. After more discussion [M/S/P] to rate RELENTLESS /30/15/15/, at this first reading.

3. PEREGRINE, s/n 67977 (SAN23) Henry Hill – new application/ modified boat

Anita handed out the application and the explanation of the modifications. The Chief Handicapper explained the modifications and recommended a /-6/ for them, which would take the rating from /168/ to /162/. [M/S/P] to rate PEREGRINE /162/162/162/.

4. ALLURE, s/n 77890 & 77890M (SCZ50) William McClure – modifications.

Discussion tabled as the owner was not present to fully explain the modifications

5. FRICTION LOSS, s/n 67425 & 67425M (J30) Shawn Ivie – modified 'offshore' rudder.

The Chief Handicapper addressed the board for the owner referring to the photo and diagram of the new rudder. He recommends a /-3/ off the current rating of /138/. The owner has requested a second certificate. [M/S/P] to issue a second certificate for use of this modified rudder, so the board voted and approved a rating of /135/135/135/.

6. PERSISTENCE, s/n 56912 (J109OD) Bryce Benjamin – Request for Rating Review: First Reading.

Anita handed out the Request for Rating Review forms and the accompanying letter from the owner. After a very short discussion the board instructed Anita to inform the owner that PHRF does not rate individual sails and if he wants to race with a standard PHRF configuration to apply for a second certificate and the ratings already existing for a J109 (PHRF configuration) would apply.

7. SOLACE, s/n 56775 (PACSEA31) Todd Thibodo – new application – finish the rating

In December the Chief Handicapper authorized a temporary RLC rating of /174/ for the Malibu and Return race. The Area B board recommends a rating of /204/192/192/. Anita handed out the application and after a short discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to rate this boat. /204/192/192/.

8. LIBERTY, s/n 56705 and 56705A (J40) Dave Moore – request for a second certificate for the use of a 20% larger spinnaker pole (14'7" to 17'6"). Area C board recommends a rating of 72/69/69/. The current rating is /87/87/87/. After a discussion and several rating suggestions the board voted [M/S/P] to issue a second certificate with the rating of /72/69/69/.

9. NANCY J, s/n 97898 (ISL36) Terry Hanna – Request for Rating Review. First Reading

Terry addressed the board as he handed out the Request for Rating Review form explaining his request: When measuring for a new spinnaker it was discovered that his "I" and "E" are shorter than the standard ISL36. After a few questions from the board he was excused and the board began a short discussion. The standard PHRF of Southern California rating for the ISL36 is /144/144/144/. The board voted [M/S/P] to give him a /+6/ which will bring the rating to /150/150/150/. The certificate will be noted short rig.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be February 16, 2010 at LBYC in Long Beach.