

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Area A: Eric Schlageter; Area B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Robert Plant, Dan Rossen & Wes Selby; Area G: Castle Phelps & Mike Riddle; Area I: Max Rosenberg and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

The meeting began at 6:13 PM

The minutes from the January Regional Board Meeting were approved with one correction. The J22 MAJIC DRAGON, s/n 56780, was incorrectly reported and recorded at a rating of /186/186/186/ last month. It should have been rated/reported at /177/177/177/. The certificate has been corrected and an apology issued to the owner.

New Business:

1. Composite Lifelines discussion – Rick Gorman, Area C

President, Eric McClure, opened the discussion and asked Rick to continue re: the use of these new Dyneema or (aramid fiber (SP?) lifelines vs. stainless steel cable lifelines and the safety issues involved. The discussion concluded that since our rules only specify lifelines and not what they are made of the board declared that these new lifeline materials are accepted by PHRF of Southern California.

2. Equipment Appendix B: Lifeline stanchion distance discussion – Jerry Kaye, Area B

Jerry Kaye addressed the board regarding the stanchion measurement distance rule between the ORC requirement of 7.3 feet and ours at 7 feet. He recommends we change our rule to match the ORC rule. After some discussion the board concluded that it would be a very good idea to change our rule, but wanted more input from some of the board who were not present at this meeting and tabled the discussion for tonight. An email discussion is to follow.

3. PHRF Rules change discussion regarding headsails – Jerry Kaye, Area B

Kerry Kaye started the discussion about the LP% rule. The Chief Handicapper explained that boats are rated assuming that they use sails that are optimized to PHRF So Cal's Class Rules, taking into account limits imposed by a boat's individual configuration to the board, gave examples and reminded the members that PHRF does not rate sail area. After some more discussion the subject was settled.

4. Holder 20 One Design request:

The discussion was tabled to give the So Cal board time to review the information sent in by the new One Design Class.

5. A request by Del Rey Yacht Club to use our membership data for a NOR mailing for the Marina del Rey to Puerto Vallarta Race.

Anita handed out the letter from Peggy Redler of DRYC and the board discussed it along with the new policy instituted last month. It was decided not to grant DRYC permission to use the PHRF data at this time. Castle Phelps, Chairman of Area G, volunteered to communicate with Peggy to put the NOR in a format suitable for the new email system. For clarification the new system is explained here:

PHRF has a new system for sending race notices to our members. It is an email system, and there is a fee for the service. It works like this: The regatta organizer sends a 'camera ready' PDF flyer or NOR to the PHRF office at least 3 weeks before the deadline of the race and it is then sent to our members with an invitation greeting. The fee is \$30 per Area. There are 7 areas: Ventura/Oxnard/Channel Islands (Area A), Marina del Rey/King Harbor (Area B),

LA/Long Beach (Area C), Newport Beach (Area D), Dana Point/Oceanside (Area E/F), San Diego (Area G) and Santa Barbara (Area I). The PHRF office must receive the check before the emails are sent. The new system was put into place because there had been so many complaints about member's addresses being used (pirated) for commercial purposes.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman, Area C Chairman and Chief Handicapper:
Rick addressed the board and told them that the project is almost finished. It has expanded to include more than just the Fast 40 fleet. He will show his progress to the Chief Handicapper after the meeting tonight, discuss a few refinement points with him and will have it ready for the whole board to see next month

President's Report:

PHRF President, Eric McClure, reported that the letter to the So Cal yacht clubs explaining the importance of making sure that racers have a valid PHRF certificate when they enter their regattas has been sent and he urged the Area representatives to encourage their members to make sure they are current as well.

Vice President's Report:

Louis could not be at the meeting tonight and so Eric McClure read his remarks. He too urged the area representatives to make sure their racing friends and acquaintances were current members. The Area B Chairman, Jerry Kaye, suggested that racers who sign up for a series of races be given the chance to get a valid certificate before the end of the series so they won't lose their place in the standings. After a short discussion it was pointed out that, that is up to the race/regatta organizers.

Data Systems Report: not in attendance

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Last month the Area A Chairman, Eric Schlageter, and John Thawley of the Area A board reported that Area A rated a J22, MAJIC DRAGON /186/186/186/. It has been noted in the minute's correction that this information was incorrect and the certificate has been corrected. They looked at a BEN10R, but the discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Area B: The Area B chairman, Jerry Kaye, reported that they rated a new BENF40, NAOS TWO, s/n FRA40, /33/33/33/ base and 39/39/39/ in Area B. He also brought up a whisker pole definition question which the board tabled until further research can be done.

Area C: No meeting

Area D: No meeting.

Area E/F: Not in attendance.

Area G: Please see the San Diego, Area G, meeting notes on their website: www.phrfsandiego.org.

Area I: The new chairman on Area I, Max Rosenberg, reported that they looked over the drawings of the new main on the J125, WARRIOR, and recommend a /-3/ for the enlarged roach main. He also urged the regional board to review the ratings of the SCZ50's and 52's. He believes the ratings need to be adjusted. The SCZ 52, PREVAIL, asked for a rating review in Santa Barbara but did not submit any race results so the review was tabled.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. RELENTLESS, s/n 35012 (1D35) Tim Fuller – Request for a Rating Review: Second Reading
Last month the board voted to re-rate RELENTLESS from /24/9/9/ to /30/15/15/. The board voted to stay with that rating and make it provisional. [M/S/P]
2. ALLURE, s/n 77890 & 77890A (SCZ50) William McClure – modifications/ request 2nd certificate
Anita handed out the modification information sent in by the owner. The Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparison and explained his recommendations. After a short discussion the board voted to re-rate ALLURE's certificate: s/n 77890 (short pole & short boom) from /9/-3/-3/ to /9/0/0/ and issue a second certificate, **s/n 77890A (20.9 SPL) at /+6/-6/-6/.**
3. NANCY J, s/n 97898 (ISL36) Terry Hanna – Request for Rating Review. Second Reading
Last month the board voted to re-rate NANCY J from 144/144/144/ to /150/150/150/. The board voted to stay with that rating and make it provisional. [M/S/P] The certificate will be noted short rig.
4. ROLLER, s/n 87996 (AND42) Mike Hatcher – Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Mike Hatcher and John Berry addressed the board asking for a +12 on the base rating of /54/54/54/. He also wants a 2nd certificate for an O/S pole and AYSO. He asked the board to compare the ratings of PATRIOT and APOLLO 5 to his boat and after a few questions from the board went on to explain his race history and boat preparation. He was then excused and the boat discussed his presentation. A rating adjustment of +6 was proposed at this reading, but no 2nd certificate decision tonight. [M/S/P] for a /+6/ rating adjustment, but the request for a second certificate for the O/S pole and AYSO will be postponed next month at the Second Reading.
5. RAPID TRANSIT, s/n 627 (ANTRIM49) James Partridge – New application/ Initial rating
Anita handed out the application and the Chief Handicapper noted that this boat has a canting keel and 2 rudders comparing for discussions sake this boat to the SCZ52, VICTORIA. After some more discussion the board voted to rate RAPID TRANSIT /-66/-90/-96/. The rating is provisional.
6. STEALTH CHICKEN, s/n 46194 (PERRY56) Timothy Beatty – Mod. New Rudder
Warren Gross addressed the board along with Tim Beatty handing out drawings of the new rudder plus recent race results. They are also asking for a /+6/ rating adjustment on the RLC rating. Many questions were asked, answered and discussed and then the men were excused. The board continued discussing the rudder, the upkeep on the boat & the new sails. The Chief Handicapper recommended no change for the rudder. The request for a rating change was not included in the request that the rudder modification be addressed, so following review and discussion the board voted [M/S/P] for no change to the rating for the new rudder. Tim/Warren were asked to submit a request for rating review including race results using their new sails in a spread sheet format.
7. B1, s/n 87857 (MOORE30M) Les Robertson – New application/Initial rating (modified boat)
Anita handed out the application and a discussion ensued comparing this boat to the Melges 30 & 32. After the discussion the board voted [M/S/P/] to rate B1 /39/18/18/.
8. WARRIOR, s/n 7125 (J125) Dr. Schlessinger – Mod. New main, enlarged roach
Area I recommends a /-3/ for the new main. The Chief Handicapper and the regional agreed. The rating will go from /3/-3/-3/ to /0/-6/-6/. [M/S/P].
9. HOLUA, s/n 97656 & 97656A (SCZ70) Brack Duker – Mod. New rudder
The Chief Handicapper recommended no change for the new rudder. [M/S/P] for no change to HOLUA's rating.

10. SPIRIT, s/n 7504 (Hylas70) Craig Grosvenor – New application/ Initial rating

Anita handed out the application and the Chief Handicapper handed out a spreadsheet comparison and recommended a /-27/-36/-36/ rating. He also handed out several photos of the boat. After a lengthy discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to rate SPIRIT /+6/-9/-9/. The rating is provisional.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

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