

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Vice President: Louis Holmes; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Data Systems: David Zaveski; Area B: Jerry Kaye & Derek Heeb; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Wes Selby; Area E/F Steve Wyman; Area G: Castle Phelps & Mike Riddle; Area I: Max Rosenberg; Former PHRF President: Rick von Heydenreich and Anita Cole, Fleet Secretary.

The meeting began at 6:16 PM

The minutes from the January Regional Board Meeting were approved with one correction. The SCZ52 VICTORIA, recorded in the RAPID TRANSIT report is actually a TP52.

New Business:

1. Composite Lifelines discussion – Revisited from last month

A board member brought up the subject again by reading from the US Sailing rules and noting that if PHRF SO CAL does not designate the material the lifelines are made of in our rules then the rule automatically reverts to stainless steel. The Judge Advocate disagreed and restated his position from last month that if our rules don't specify the type of material the lifelines are made of then any material is included. The discussion continued about other types of "high tech" materials that are being produced for lifelines and concluded with the PHRF Vice President volunteering to draft an email letter that Anita will send to all the So Cal. yacht clubs making them aware of the materials changes in lifelines and that PHRF SO CAL approves them.

2. New Holder 20 One Design Class request:

The discussion was tabled again because the Chief Handicapper has not had time to finish reviewing the very complicated One Design Class Rules for the Holder 200D's.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman, Area C Chairman and Chief Handicapper:

Rick addressed the board handing out a data disc detailing his research. He used the current manufacturer list to compare and contrast these boats and drew several conclusions. He asked the board members to look over the data and advise him how they wanted to proceed.

President's Report:

PHRF President, Eric McClure, reported that membership, although down from last year, is picking up and even though we probably won't have as many members as in the past few years, the finances of PHRF SO CAL are in good shape.

Vice President's Report:

The PHRF Vice President, Louis Holmes, encouraged the board members to stress the importance having a current PHRF certificate or becoming members to their racing friends/acquaintances. The PHRF Chief Handicapper added that if yacht clubs and race organizers don't insist that racers have current certificates they run the risk of entrants racing with modifications to their boats that are illegal or unreported so they can win without penalty.

Data Systems Report:

The Data Systems Officer reported that he is making good progress on a new on-line data base so board members can access it for member/boat information. There will be restricted sections only accessible to officers and the Fleet Secretary and other sections for valid PHRF members to use.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: No meeting: They did rate a Yngling 21 by email. /216/216/216/.

Area C: The Area C board met with the owner of the Old Guys Rule, the Esse850, and gave him a +6 on his RLC rating, provisionally. The also rated WASABI, a Kernan44, /-21/-24/-27/. [Provisional]

Area D: No meeting.

Area E/F: The Area E/F board met and gave the AND42, ROLLER a +6 at a First Reading pending what the Regional board does with the rating tonight.

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

Area I: The Area I board met but did not review any boats. They discussed the “OD” rating rule versus the standard PHRF rating on several boats. Max suggests that PHRF have stickers made for boats with both ratings. The sticker would be put on the boat indicating that the boat has an OD and a PHRF rating.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. ROLLER, s/n 87996 (AND42) Mike Hatcher – Request for Rating Review. Second Reading
Mike Hatcher and John Berry addressed the board and handed out some new race data. After a few questions the men were excused and a discussion began on the decision from last month to give the boat a /+6/ adjustment to their rating. It was noted that most of the race data presented is from Area E/F and since they race against a unique set of boats on a regular basis any adjustment to this rating should come from the Area E/F board. The board voted [M/S/P] for no regional rate change, and recommended that the boat request an adjustment from their Area Board.

After that vote the board discussed the request for a second certificate for an oversized pole and AYSO. The Chief Handicapper proposed a /-6/-9/-9/ rating adjustment to ROLLER's current rating of /54/54/54 which would make the rating on certificate 87996A /48/45/45/. After some discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to issue ROLLER a second certificate at 48/45/45/.

2. CARMAGNOLE, s/n 7173 (BENf45) Dan Howard – Request for Rating Review. First Reading
Dan addressed the board regarding his sailing experience and explained the race results and polar chart of his boat. He often races against the BEN44.7's and loses because they have a better rating. He asked for a /+9/ rating adjustment. After several questions from the board regarding the differences in the two boats he was excused. The Area B Chairman told the board that Dan had been to Area B, but they sent his request to Regional because they have new board members which might have presented a conflict of interest. It was pointed out that there weren't enough race results presented to make a decision and that all of the race results were from Area B. After a lengthy discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to recommend a local rating change to Area B of /+9/+9/+9/.

3. UNCONTROLLABLE URGE, s/n 56603 (COL30SY) James Gilmore – Rudder Modification
Anita handed out the information on the rudder and the Chief Handicapper suggested a /-3/. A board member noted that many, if not most, of the COL30's have changed their rudders because the new rudder gives them better control of the boat in certain conditions but not necessarily faster. After more discussion the board tabled the decision until the Chief Handicapper can do more research and talk to the designer.

4. ALCHEMY, s/n 97999 (DENCHO 70) Per Peterson/Artie Means – New Keel

As Anita was handing out the drawing of the new keel and boat information Mike Riddle from Area G explained why the keel was replaced. The board discussed the boat comparing it to GI and HOLUA. After the discussion a vote was taken [M/S/P] for a /-6/-3/-0/ rating change, which will take the rating from /-66/-84/-87/ to ***/-72/-87/-87/***.

5. LOCOMOTION, s/n 46860 (AND45) Ed Feo – Mod. Removed pole; sprit only plus new AYSO.

Anita handed out the information and the Chief Handicapper explained that the owner wants a third certificate for this configuration. He also told the board that the Kernan44, WASABI was just rated at /-21/-24/-27/ by the Area C board. He told the board that the OWC rating was incorrect in his opinion and that Regional should rate this configuration of LOCO /-21/-27/-39/. [M/S/P] to rate this “Sprit only” configuration at [/21/27/39].

After this vote the board voted [M/S/P] to realign the rating of the Kernan44, WASABI s/n 55544 from /-21/-24/-27/ to /-21/-27/-39/. This was a First Reading.

6. HORIZON, s/n 18926 (SCZ50M) Jack Taylor/Erik Shampain – Modifications & Rating review request Erik addressed the board and handed out a packet of information on the modifications with before and after race results. He asked for a -3 adjustment only. After several questions from the board Erik was excused and the board discussed the changes especially those to the waterline. The Chief Handicapper advised a -6. After more discussion the board voted [M/S/P] to change HORIZON’s rating from /+9/-3/-3/ to /+6/-6/-6/.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be April 20, 2010 at LBYC in Long Beach.