

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Area B: Jerry; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Wes Selby & Dan Rosen; Area G: Castle Phelps & Mike Riddle; Former PHRF President: Rick von Heydenreich.

The meeting began at 6:10 PM

The minutes from the March Regional Board Meeting were approved.

New Business:

1. 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 plans to have a VPP analysis of major portions of the fleet completed prior to the May 2010 Regional Board meeting

President's Report:

PHRF President, Eric McClure, reported that PHRF membership is increasing, but expressed concern that some yacht clubs are allowing boats who race in a one-design class, but don't have a PHRF certificate to participate in PHRF races and win trophies for those PHRF events. The Judge Advocate will draft a letter encouraging specific Yacht Club(s) to require that boats have a PHRF certificate to compete and/or win a trophy at a PHRF event.

Vice President's Report:

None.

Data Systems Report:

None.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Beneteau 10R "SPRIT DECISION" – (**First Reading**) Based on the spec's of the boat and observed performance of the boat on the water the board decided and voted to provide rating relief of +9/+6/+6 to the Area A Rating. (84 / 75 / 69)

Area B: No meeting.

Area C: Established an **Initial Rating** for the 81' Schooner "TIAMA" 90/54/63. Suggested that the Regional Board review the OD ratings for the J109 & J105. Handicaps differences between ratings for OD and PHRF configurations are too large and the boat's race performance to their OD ratings is stellar, especially in a breeze or light air. Area C also suggested that the boat's OD ratings don't account for advances in spinnaker (2A) design since they were initially rated.

Area D: No meeting.

Area E/F: No present.

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

Area I: Not present.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. **WASABI**, s/n 55544 (Kernan44) Dale Williams - Regional Board Action; **(SECOND READING)**
Last month the board voted to realign WASABI's rating from /-21/-24/-27/ to /-21/-27/-39 on the Chief Handicapper's recommendation based upon initial race results and a comparison to the Andrews 45, Locomotion. A representative of the boat addressed the regional board to compare Wasabi to Locomotion, plus share some of the observations made during racing. After the discussion a vote was taken [M/S/P] for a /-0/-3/-9/ rating change, which will take the rating from /-21/-24/-27/ to /-21/-27/-36/ (Second Reading).
2. **MISQUE**, s/n's 2 & 2A (C&C25) Jerry Kaye – **Modification**. New Keel
The board reviewed pictures of the modification to the keel of MISQUE that are being made to add a kelp cutter. Since the boat's speed through the water will not be increased and the board looked at this addition as "good boat prep", the board voted 7 to 0 to make no change to the boat's current rating of /135/135/132. It was noted that if a kelp cutter provided an advantage in a specific area, the local board could adjust the Area rating for it.
3. **UNCONTROLLABLE URGE**, s/n 56603 (COL30SY) James Gilmore – Rudder **Modification**
Anita handed out the information on the rudder and the Chief Handicapper stated that he had spoken with the boat's designer, then suggested that no change in rating be made for a new rudder that is similar to that already being used by some other boats in their fleet. 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 and that control problems were not anticipated when the boat was rated. After more discussion the board voted 5 to 2 in favor of no change to the rating for the use of the rudder.
4. **DECOLLAGE**, s/n's 56461 & 56461WB (POGO 40) Bernard Gantes & Brad Bolger (**FIRST READING**) - The owner requested a rating review, and provided limited race data. He and a boat designer compared the boat to a newer 40' boat designed to the same box rule that has a much more lenient rating. After discussion a vote was taken [M/S/P] for a /+9/+9/+9/ rating change, which will take the ratings from /-39/-42/-57/ to /-30/-33/-48/ for the non-water ballast configuration and from /-42/-48/-57/ to /-33/-39/-48/ for the water ballast configuration (First Reading). The owner was encouraged to race the boat, become more familiar with it and continue to request rating reviews if he thought it appropriate.
5. **ANDIAMO**, s/n 654 (CAT250) Drake Johnson – **Initial Rating**
New boat from out of the area. (H2).
Compared to other, similar competitor boats including another Cat 250 with different rig dimensions and looked at USPHRF National data base averages. After discussion a vote of 7 to 0 was taken [M/S/P] to rate the boat 225/225/225/.
6. **WINDWARD PASSAGE**, s/n 7099 (GURNEY 73) David Johnson – **Initial Rating**
New boat from out of the area. (D).
Compared to other, similar competitor boats and discussed its race history from many years ago. Reviewed a Yacht Designer's analysis and recommendation. After discussion a vote of 5 to 2 was taken [M/S/P] to rate the boat -51/-60/-51/.
7. **Flying Tiger Offshore One-Design (OD) Configuration** – The Flying Tiger (FT10) One-Design Class Rules were revised to allow the use of a Code 0 spinnaker with max/min dimensions for a second

“Offshore” configuration. The Offshore OD configuration is identical to the “Inshore” OD configuration, except that it allows for the use of the Code 0 in addition to the 2A. After discussion a vote of 7 to 0 was taken [M/S/P] to rate the FT10’s Offshore OD configuration 51/42/36 (which is an adjustment of -3/-6/-6 from the Inshore Configuration’s rating of 54/48/42).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM

Respectfully submitted by the PHRF Fleet Handicapper: Cole Price

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be May 18, 2010 at LBYC in Long Beach.