

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Vice President: Louis Holmes; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Data Systems: David Zaveski; Area A: Eric Schlageter; Area B: Derek Heeb; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Dan Rosen; Area G: Mike Riddle; Area I: Max Rosenberg; Past President: Rick von Heydenreich and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole.

The meeting began at 6:23 PM

The minutes from the May 18, 2010 Regional Board meeting were approved.

New Business:

1. Discussion of Rule 7: Standard PHRF Specifications: requested by the Judge Advocate
ENGINE: An engine capable of moving the boat through calm water with no sails at least 1.0 times the square root of the LWL in knots, or five knots (whichever is less) plus enough fuel to reach the nearest point of land. Boats rated with an engine shall carry the engine while racing. Boats rated without an engine may carry one without credit or penalty.
The discussion began with Eric explaining the issue. After the discussion the board concluded that no rule change was necessary.
2. Holder 20 One Design request: Still tabled as the Chief Handicapper has not had time to review the request.
3. J105 & J109 OD Rating Review: Tabled from last month.
Last month the Area C board voted (First Reading) to change the J105OD boats ratings from /90/84/84/ to /84/78/75 and the J109OD boat's ratings from /75/69/69/ to /69/63/63/ in Area C. They requested the Regional Board review their decision. At the last meeting the Regional Board discussed starting a review of these boats in all areas, but tabled any discussion until a race result comparison could be compiled and the owners notified of the review.
After further discussion the board concluded that a full regional review was not necessary. The Area C board will finish its review next month with a second reading.
4. J125 Downwind Rating review: Request by Max Rosenberg, Chairman of Area I
Last month the board asked Max to put together a spread sheet of race results comparing the 50's fleet to the J125's, and email it to the board for review. Discussion tabled.
Max addressed the board reporting that his analysis is that the J125's and the 50's fleet ratings are correct, but concluded that the FARR40's MHD rating is wrong/soft by at least 6 seconds. He recommended that the Regional Board review those ratings.
5. Request to discuss "PBO as alternative to rod rigging." - Mike Riddle (Area G) & the PHRF Chief Handicapper
Mike addressed the board regarding a Melges 30 that broke their carbon mast and wants to put PBO riggings on the boat. He asked if that would incur a penalty. After a lengthy discussion the board concluded that alternative rigging changes should be handled on a case by case basis. The board voted and approved a /-3/-3/-3/ recommendation to Area G for this case.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman (Area C) & the Chief Handicapper, Cole Price
Last month Rick presented his analysis which has become a complete fleet review. He noted that the “high end” boats (those over 40 feet) are those whose ratings have the most discrepancies and recommended that the board look at one fleet/group at a time. Robert Plant suggested that Rick pick a group, analyze it, send his recommendations to the Area board members by email for discussion and consensus and then bring that consensus to the entire board for a rating review. Rick agreed to do that. Rick reported that he has not been able to finish the analysis, yet.

President's Report:

President Eric McClure suggested in lieu of hosting (spending money on) a regatta every year, PHRF of Southern California institute an award to the yacht club that does the most to promote PHRF races.

Vice President's Report: CHAMPS

Anita handed out the proposed NOR for the August 7-8 PHRF Championship Regatta to be held at Del Rey Yacht Club. The board discussed several options with PHRF VP Louis Holmes and Derek Heeb representing Area B-1 and DRYC. Louis reported that negotiations with Del Rey are ongoing regarding the facilities charge and told the board that West Marine will donate the prizes: jackets, vests, and bags. Yacht Racing Union of Southern California will sponsor the race again this year. Because of financial considerations the board concluded that the NOR will be sent to our membership by Email this year. Anita will send several Email “Blasts” when the NOR is finished and approved.

After the CHAMPS discussion concluded a board member suggested that in light of increasing costs PHRF of Southern California raise the annual renewal and membership/rating fees to \$60. After a lengthy discussion the board voted [M/S/P - one opposed] to raise the annual membership to \$60 beginning with the renewal notices for 2011. In addition to that the board authorized the office to increase the fee for a second certificate to \$60. The late fee (renewals after February) will remain at an additional \$25.

Data Systems Report: None this month.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Rated a new Jeanneau 36IP /111/108/108.

Area B: No meeting

Area C: No meeting

Area D: No meeting

Area E/F: Changed the area rating of the AND42, ROLLER, s/n 87996 by /+12/ from /54/54/54/ to 66/66/66/ and on his second certificate, s/n 87996A from 48/45/45/ to /60/57/57/.

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

Area I: Discussed the J125's and made recommendations to Regional (see new business). Max then proposed that a PHRF validity decal/sticker be affixed to boats so that it is easy to know who is and is not a member of PHRF. When a boat renews or get a new rating certificate the PHRF Fleet Secretary would issue the owner a “validity decal” that would be affixed to the boat as proof that the boat is a current member of PHRF for that year. He discussed the idea with a designer and came up with a design that he showed to the board. The cost would be \$250.00 for the original design plus a \$150 fee every year for the design/color changes. The board discussed the idea at length and voted [M/S/P] to begin the process of implementing the program which will include finding a vendor to produce the decals. The decals would be

placed on the upper transom, starboard side for easy identification. If the boat does not have a transom the decal is to be placed on the aft most corner of the starboard side. Decals will be first issued with the 2011 rating certificates.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

Before the report began the Chief Handicapper announced that a group from Lake Mead is going to attend the PHRF of Southern California Regional meeting next month with a view to becoming an area of PHRF.

1. FERDINAND, s/n 294 (CAT270) Bud Teye - Request for Rating Review – First Reading
Last month this review was tabled due to lack of race data. Anita handed out the race data sent in by the owner and the board compared the CAT 27's with the CAT270's. After some discussion the board voted a rating change from 192/192/192/ to /198/198/192. There will be a second reading next month.
2. MIRAGE, s/n 28115 (SCZ70) Thomas Corkett/Tim Kernan – Request for Rating Review- First Reading
Tim addressed the board handing out a few copies of some race results and asked for a /+6/+6/+6/ rating adjustment. He was excused and the board discussed his argument concluding with a vote [M/S/P] to give the boat a /+3/+3/+3/ at this first reading and ask them to come back next month with a full and complete spreadsheet of their race results.

3. WASABI, s/n 55544 (Kernan44) Dale Williams & Tim Kernan – Request for Rating Review
Tim addressed the board and asked that the board table the request until the July meeting.

4. MAYHEM, s/n 7552 (FARR52) Ashley Wolfe – Initial Rating
The Chief Handicapper gave this boat a temporary buoy rating of /-84/ for the CAL Race Week Regatta. He addressed the board handing out a spreadsheet comparison and recommended a provisional rating of /-81/-87/-93/ for one month, so the boat can race in the Long Beach Race Week Regatta. He advised the board that he strongly recommends a full fleet review of the TP 52's, so this provisional rating is subject to change in July when the second reading is held to align the TP52 fleet. (see #5 below)

5. REBEL YELL, s/n 52005 (TP52) David Team – Initial Rating
The Chief Handicapper continued his recommendation for rating the FARR 52's and REBEL YELL. He advised a provisional rating for REBEL YELL of /-84/-90/-96/ for one month (so they can race in the Long Beach Race Week Regatta) until the board can review all the TP52's next month.
His recommendations for the First reading addressing the following boats to align them with their competitors and with the other TP52's in their fleet.

FLASH, s/n 50505	from /-63/-63/-75/	to /-87/-93/-99/
CAZADOR s/n 28385	from /-78/-78/-93/	to /-81/-87/-93/
SRM V s/n 52006	from /-105/-105/-117/	to /-84/-90/-96/
VALKYRIE s/n 56718	from /-90/-90/-99/	to /-81/-87/-93/

He also recommended a rating of /-93/-99/-105/ for second certificate for REBEL YELL's MHD Genoa. After a short discussion and questions the board voted [M/S/P] to approve the Chief Handicappers recommendations. The current owners will be advised of the review and the owners of MAYHEM and REBEL YELL issued provisional certificates for one month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by the Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

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

