

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Eric McClure; Vice President: Louis Holmes; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Steven Ernest; Area B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Wes Selby and Dan Rosen; Area G: Castle Phelps & Mike Riddle; Past President: Rick von Heydenreich and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole.

The meeting began at 6:18 PM

The minutes from the June 15, 2010 Regional Board meeting were approved.

New Business:

1. Tack line/SPL rule discussion: the current rule allows a tack point 6” in front of SPL. Discussion requested by Dave Cattle (advisor to the Area G board) & Castle Phelps, Chairman of Area G. Example: Dwight Greene, STARFIRE, s/n 97320. Castle and Mike Riddle began the discussion by stating that owners are being confused (or taking advantage of the wording) by the wording of the new rule: Appendix A 5.2 and 5.3 where “design” is not defined and asked for an explanation/clarification. The Judge Advocate read the rule to the board and an extensive discussion began. The Area G representatives also asked the Fleet Secretary to check the website as they believe that the Rules are not current. She agreed to do so, remove all references to Jc and Ic replacing them with the terms SPL and ISP plus work with the Chief Handicapper to clarify the intent of rule A 5.2 and 5.3. Something like this: “Owners may tack an asymmetrical spinnaker 6” in front of their rated SPL on boats that fly an asymmetrical spinnaker so that they are able to jibe it in front of their bow pulpit. Besides fastening a block for a tack line to the existing structure, the boat may not be modified to achieve this objective without invalidating their rating certificate. Boats with bow sprits whose tack points are already in front of their bow pulpits may not move their tack lines beyond their current tack point (SPL) without invalidating their rating certificate. Boats whose poles that exceed the “J” dimension may not add structure or a bow sprit to achieve this objective without invalidating their rating certificate.” Discussion tabled until next month: where the new clarified wording of the rule and website rule investigation will continue.
2. Holder 20 One Design request: Tabled until further notice.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman (Area C) & the Chief Handicapper, Cole Price
Rick reported that he has finished the analysis and will send it to Anita for distribution and email discussion.

President's Report:

President Eric McClure urged the board members to reach out to their yacht clubs and offer help to the PROs and race chairs regarding class breaks. Apparently many are using raw numbers because they don't know what else to use. The board instructed Anita to offer help to any yacht club that requests email “blasts” announcing upcoming regattas and then notify the Area Chairman.

Vice President's Report: 2010 CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

Anita reported that the entries so far are few. Vice President, Louis Holmes encouraged the board members to support the event by participating and to communicate with their local yacht clubs about participation in CHAMPS plus forming teams for the yacht club challenge. Many said they would enter. The deadline to enter without penalty is August first. A discussion began on why entries have dwindled over the years. Many suggestions were offered to improve the regatta

including changing the date of the event; connecting it with Long Beach Race Week; turning the event over to a local yacht club to host and starting earlier (a year before) to plan and advertise the regatta.

After the discussion Louis explained Del Rey's request: a waiver regarding the PHRF rule requiring boats to have lifelines for races which are more than 5 n. miles offshore. One of the courses they are considering will take the boats more than 5 miles, but less than ten miles offshore. They will be requiring all boats without lifelines to have all sailors wear pfd's at all times during the race. The Judge Advocate addressed the board and advised them that they do not have the authority to 'waive' the rule. PHRF rules do not allow waivers to stated rules. The request was tabled. Louis will inform Del Rey Yacht Club.

Data Systems Report: No report this month.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: No meeting

Area B No meeting - Chairman, Jerry Kaye, requested a review of the CAT470 FIRELIGHT, s/n 46763 and TIME OUT, s/n 7136. Anita handed out the request and Jerry explained that after Anita researched the rating history of FIRELIGHT, at Jerry's request, it was discovered that the rating was changed from /72/63/63/ in 1999 to /108/108/108/ in 2001. No explanation could be found in the files for this change. Subsequently when TIME OUT applied for a certificate in 2009 that boat was rated at /108/108/108/. He requested a rating review, but does not have any race history data. The board tabled the request and asked Anita to notify the owners of the review asking them to attend the August Regional meeting or send in race data on their boats.

Area C: No meeting

Area D: No meeting

Area E/F: No meeting

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

Area I: Not in attendance

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 Toye - Request for Rating Review – Second Reading

Last month the board voted a rating change from 192/192/192/ to /198/198/192. With no further information provided the board voted M/S/P for last month's rating adjustment.

2. MIRAGE, s/n 28115 (SCZ70) Thomas Corkett/Tim Kernan – Request for Rating Review- 2nd Reading

At the first reading the board voted a /+3/+3/+3/ adjustment to the boat's rating but asked representatives of the boat to come back with a full and complete spreadsheet of their race results. No representative of the boat was in attendance so the review was tabled.

3. REBEL YELL, s/n 52005 (TP52) David Team – Initial Rating & TP52 Rating Review – 2nd Reading

Last month the Chief Handicapper recommended a rating of /-84/-90/-96/ for the FARR 52, REBEL YELL, for one month. He also recommended a rating of /-93/-99/-105 on a second certificate for the MHD Genoa. He then initiated a review of the TP52 fleet:

After a discussion and questions the board voted [M/S/P] to approve the Chief Handicappers recommendations. The current owners were advised of the review and the owners of MAYHEM and REBEL YELL issued provisional certificates for one month.

Office note: MAYHEM was not issued a temporary rating certificate because they did not submit a complete application.

At this second reading, after discussion, the PHRF Regional Board rated the TP52's as follows:

REBEL YELL s/n 52005 (initial rating) /-84/-90/-96/ MHD Genoa s/n 52005A /-93/-99/-105/
FLASH, s/n 62152 from /-87/-93/-99/ to /-84/-90/-96/
CAZADOR, s/n 28385 from /-78/-78/-93/ to /-78/-81/-90/
SRM V, s/n 52006 from /-105/-111/-117/ to /-84/-90/-96/
VALKYRIE, s/n 56718 from /-90/-93/-99/ to /-81/-87/-93/ MHD Genoa s/n 56718A from /-99/-105/-114/
to /-90/-96/-112/.
MAYHEM, s/n 7552 (initial rating) /-81/-87/-93/ MHD Genoa s/n 7552A /-90/-96/-102/

These ratings represent the board's best effort to align the TP52's with their competitors and amongst the TP52 fleet itself. We did this with limited race information (history and observed performance), but inputs from some of the TP52 boat owners, boat reps, yacht designers, sail makers and competitors were of great assistance. We're hoping that the TP52's will compete in PHRF events throughout So Cal so that extensive race history can be accumulated.

Boats with a 2nd certificate for a mast head genoa will see a /-9/ sec/mi adjustment for the use of this sail. Although this adjustment may seem harsh for the addition of the sail, the board assumes that boats with second certificates will only use that configuration in conditions that are most advantageous for the sail. M/S/P/ with one abstention: the Judge Advocate abstained. These ratings are provisional.

4. OUT PATIENT, s/n 87138 (CAL29-2) Randy Alcorn – Modification – relocating lower shrouds
The Chief Handicapper explained the modification recommending a /-3/. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P to change the boat's rating from /180/180/180/ to /177/177/180/.

5. FLASH PACKET, s/n 52727 (BEN40.7) Peter Stazicker – adding new O/S AYSO (SF)
The new AYSO has a 15% longer foot and the Chief Handicapper recommended a /-6/-6/-9/. M/S/P to change this boat's rating from /51/54/57/ to /45/48/48/.

6. MAJIC DRAGON, s/n 56780 (J22) Mike Hopper – replacing current main with new O/S roached main
The Chief Handicapper and the board discussed the new dimensions of the main and then voted M/S/P for a /-6/ to the rating which takes the boat's rating from /180/180/180/ to 174/174/174/.

7. AKELA, 69011 (R/P77) Peter Heck – Replacing O/S main and MHD Genoa & wants rating roll back.
The board discussed the request for a rating adjustment as there is some confusion about when the changes were made. The boat has two certificates. Request tabled for clarification & more information about the details of the changes.

8. CITY LIGHTS, 28552 (SCZ52) Thomas Sanborn – Initial Rating
Cole gave this boat a temporary rating of /-9/-12/-12/ on 7/9/10. Anita handed out the application and a discussion began regarding the tall rig and aluminum vs. carbon mast. Former President, Rick von Heydenreich explained that this boat is just like his boat, PARANOIA, except it is a shoal draft and definitely has an aluminum mast. M/S/P to rate CITY LIGHTS /-6/-9/-9/.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by the Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be August 17, 2010 at LBYC in Long Beach.

