

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 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 & Rick von Heydenreich; Area D: Robert Plant & Dan Rossen; Area G: Castle Phelps & Mike Riddle and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole.

The meeting began at 6:17 PM

The minutes from the August 17, 2010 Regional Board meeting were approved.

New Business:

MIR Waiver Request: from Harold Alexander – Requesting approval for an MIR to skipper the CAL 39-2 Misty s/n 67200. “Per rule 8.4 I am requesting that Todd Wheatly be allowed to skipper Misty. He is now part owner in Misty, which complys with the rules.”

Last month the Judge Advocate made a motion to eliminate MIR Rule 8 altogether. It was seconded, but the PHRF President tabled the motion to give the board time to reflect/think about this action. After some discussion the PHRF President called for a vote on the motion. It failed to pass. Then the board voted (6 to 2) to allow the co-owner of MISTY s/n 67200, Todd Wheatly, to skipper his boat under rule 8.4 as requested by Mr. Alexander.

Mike Guccione, co-owner of TEASER, 97371, requested time to address the Regional Board regarding some ideas he has for “improving yacht racing and PHRF.”

Mike addressed the board and presented a paper with 8 points he feels the board should seriously consider to improve yacht racing in Southern California. The board thanked him for his input and several members said they would be willing to help supplement some of his ideas.

Area G Chairman, Castle Phelps, asked how members request information from the Board. We have had several expensive encounters with members who get information from a board member, then make modifications to their boats only to find out that the board member was incorrect or was not speaking for the board: Bowsprits and PBO were among the modifications board members had offered advice on. In San Diego we now asks a members to submit an application for a new certificate (with the fee) with their proposed modification and then the board decides on the rating for that certificate. They can then decide to make the modification and race with the new certificate or race with their existing certificate.

After Castle addressed the board regarding this question the PHRF Chief Handicapper stated that board members should not be answering individuals’ questions alone. All questions should be referred to the Regional board preferably in the form of an application to mod the boat or a 2nd certificate for a modified boat. (Area Boards do not rate modifications). No one is authorized to speak for an Area or the Regional board, thus answers given are not valid unless a decision is made in accordance with our Class Rules.

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report – Rick Gorman (Area C) & the Chief Handicapper, Cole Price
Rick advised the board that his computer crashed and he will have to reconstruct his report.

Tack line/ SPL Rule discussion: At the request of Bruce Cooper of Ullman Sails the change to Rule 5.5.5c discussion is being revisited.

Area C Chairman, Rick Gorman, addressed the board and handed out a paper with a suggested simpler definition of the rule. After some discussion a motion was made to eliminate rule 5.5.5c, but it failed to pass. The discussion was then tabled until the next PHRF Regional board meeting on October 19, 2010. The Chief Handicapper and the Area C Chairman will discuss another, clarified description of rule 5.5.5c.

President's Report:

President Eric McClure reported that he was very happy to hear that a local regatta organizer asked PHRF for help with their class breaks. Two board members responded to the call.

Vice President's Report: No report this month

Data Systems Report: Not in attendance

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: The Area B Chairman reported that the Mariah 27, LIZZIE BORDEN s/n 97017, reported an oversized spinnaker to them. The Chief Handicapper responded that the owner reported this spinnaker and the boat was rated for it some time ago. Anita noted that the second certificate for this oversized spinnaker and pole, 97017A, has not been renewed since 2007, but the 2nd certificate may be renewed any time that the boat owner cares to.

Area C: The Area C Chairman reported that they re-did the first reading of the rating change they made to the J109's due to the fact that some owners were not properly notified of the review. There will be a second reading next month, October 5, and the all owners have been notified.

Area D: No meeting

Area E/F: No meeting

Area G: Castle and Mike reported rating 12 boats last month. For further information please see the San Diego (Area G) minutes on their website: www.phrfsandiego.org. Plus they are looking into (crunching the numbers on) the San Diego wind range and most of the fleet's ratings.

Area I: Not in attendance

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. Rating Review of the CAT470, FIRELIGHT, s/n 46763, Michael Schau & TIME OUT, s/n 7136. Patrick Mickle. This Rating Review was requested by Area B Chairman, Jerry Kaye, - First Reading: Michael Schau, owner of TIME OUT, addressed the board about his race results and the cruiser handicap adjustments they are allowed. The board asked many questions about his competitors and how his boat is maintained and raced. He was excused and Jerry explained why the Area was asking Regional to address the ratings of these boats. He noted that a rating change occurred in 2001 on FIRELIGHT without evidence of board approval. The rating went from 72/63/63/ to 108/108/108. Subsequently when TIME OUT applied for a rating in 2009 they were rated at /108/108/108/. He recommended a rating change to /90/90/90/. After some more discussion the board voted M/S/P (with one abstention) to re-rate these boats /90/90/90/.

2. KLEXY, s/n 46877 – (SPTS29) Ed Jenkins – Request for Regional Rating adjustment
Ed is requesting that his regional rating be adjusted from /72/66/60/ to /78/72/66/. He maintains that in April of 2003 his rating was unfairly changed by the then Regional board of PHRF. He referenced the unmodified rating of the B32, PROBLEM CHILD, with a rating of /78/72/72/.

Ed addressed the board about the history of the boat, handed out additional information & race results from this year's PHRF Championship Regatta, and answered several questions from the board. He asked for his regional rating to be adjusted. He was excused and Dan Rossen, board member from Area D and owner of PROBLEM CHILD, gave a detailed explanation of the differences between his boat and KLEXY. The board discussed Ed's request and determined that he had not presented all his race history. The PHRF Vice President, Louis Holmes, suggested that he be required to race outside his Area and get some regional race results to present. M/S/P to deny the request until he updates his race history.

3. REDLINE, s/n 18333, Derek Heeb & CRIMSON STAR, s/n 87635, Lee Rhodes - (SAN 30GP) Request for Rating Review – First Reading

Derek addressed the board and handed out additional race history to the information sent in to the office. He explained the race history of the GP's and answered several questions from the board. He asked for a rating of /120/120/120. He was excused and the board discussed his presentation and the GP's and the PC's. The Chief Handicapper recommended the GP's be given a /+3/ to /117/117/117/ and to keep the PC's fairly aligned that they be re-rated to /120/120/123/ unless they are modified. The motion was seconded but it did not pass. Area C Chairman, Rick Gorman, made a motion to rate the GP's /117/120/120/ and the PC's 120/123/123/. The motion was seconded and was passed.

4. AMAZING GRACE, s/n 18949 (FARR55) Allen & Jim Puckett – Request for Rating Review - First Reading
In August the board adjusted this boat's rating /-3/ for a new rudder. The rating went from 18/12/12/ to /15/9/9. They are asking for /26/20/20/.

Jim addressed the board and introduced Alan Andrews who accompanied him. He advised the board of the boat's race history, the crew and boat preparation. He then answered questions from the board as did Alan who gave a detailed explanation of the differences in the FARR55's currently racing. The men were excused and after a short discussion the board voted M/S/P for a /+12/ rating adjustment. The rating will go from 15/9/9/ to 27/ 21/21/. This is a first reading.

5. SUNRISE, s/n 56807 (BEN37) Gilles Fougères – Initial Rating

Last month the Chief Handicapper gave this boat a temporary rating of /105/105/105/.

The board discussed this rating & compared the boat to the Judge Advocate's boat a BEN36.7, AIMANT DE FILLE which is rated at /81/84/84/. The Chief Handicapper recommended /93/93/93/, but the board decided to table the request and ask the owner for more information: photos, brochures and/or boat specifications. In the mean time the Area G board will discuss the boat with their rating advisor.

6. TOBOGGAN, s/n 46398 (SWAN53) Paul Queyrel – 2nd Certificate request for adding a removable bowsprit and power winches.

Paul addressed the board regarding the history of the boat and explained the need for the new bowsprit. He also added 2 Lumar 65 secondary power winches. He was excused and the board discussed a rating for this second certificate. The Chief Handicapper noted that the pole is a 17% increase on the SPL and recommends /-9/-12/-12/ adjustment to the current rating of 45/42/42/ with no additional "knock" for the winches. After more discussion the board voted M/S/P for a /-9/-9/-9/ (with one abstention) adjustment to the current rating which makes the second certificate rating /36/33/33/. The certificate will be noted Sprit Boat/no pole and include the secondary electric winches.

7. VINCITORE, s/n 52001 (R/P52) Ricardo Brockmann – Initial Rating

The Fleet Secretary handed out the application and after a short discussion the board voted M/S/P to rated VINCITORE /-87/-96/-102/. The rating is provisional for one year.

8. OLD SCHOOL, s/n USA 291 (Tartan Ten) Pete Woodworth – Initial Rating

The PHRF data base has the TAR10's rated /126/126/126/. However this boat is reporting an oversized spinnaker. After the application was handed out the board discussed the boat and the 23% oversized MHD spinnaker. They voted to rate this boat /111/108/108/.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 PM

Respectfully submitted by the Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF of Southern California Regional Board will be October 19, 2010, 7 PM at the Long Beach Yacht Club.