

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Louis Holmes; Vice President: Steven Ernest; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Jerry Montgomery; Data Systems: Rick von Heydenreich; Area A: John Thawley; Area B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Rick Gorman; Area D: Robert Plant, Wes Selby & Dan Rossen; Area E/F: Louis Holmes, Area G: Mike Riddle, and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole.

The meeting began at 6:15 PM

The minutes from the January 18th Regional Board meeting were approved.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Fast 40 Fleet Review Report

Rick advised the board that he has finished the report and asked them for their input on some details to be included. He and the Data Systems officer will distribute the report to the board via email for their review. Discussion continues next month.

President's Report:

Louis reported that an email discussion of how to better present the LP description to new members and the fleet is ongoing and he will have some ideas to present to the board next month. After a short discussion the matter was tabled. Louis, again, encouraged all the board members to re-read our rules and come up with suggestions make then clearer to the members.

Vice President's Report:

Steven reminded the board that the 2011 PHRF Championship Regatta will be held at Seal Beach Yacht Club with the assistance of Alamitos Bay Yacht Club on August 6-7. Bob Hubbard is our contact at SLBYC. He is working on getting at least 2 sponsors.

Data Systems Report:

Rick is working to update the website. He asked the Chief Handicapper to help him.

Area Reports: A-G

Area A: No meeting

Area B: Reporting a discussion on the FARR 40's ratings plus PROMETHUS (on the agenda) and a CONT33 on which no action was taken. They looked at the specifications of the Jeanneau 39DS' and the shoal draft model.

Area C: No Meeting. Discussed SWOOSH (on the agenda)

Area D: No meeting. Last month the Area D representatives requested that Rule 9.3f be waved. They have all been on the board longer than 4 years, but after much searching have not been able to find other PHRF members willing to serve on the board. The Judge Advocate and Vice President both advised the board that California State Law does not allow rules to be waived, but they can be modified.

At this first reading the following wording was suggested to be added to Rule 9.3f, "Provided, however, whereas a suitable replacement cannot be obtained the PHRF SO CAL Regional Board can grant an extension to the incumbent Area member." M/S/P with no abstentions to incorporate this wording into the

rules. Then a second vote was taken: M/S/P with one abstention to grant incumbent Area D board members Robert Plant, Wes Selby and Dan Rossen a one year extension unless suitable replacements can be found sooner. After the year they must ask for another extension. The February Area D meeting has been postponed until Monday, February 21, 2011.

On the topic of the use of trapezes while racing: A short discussion concluded with a decision to continue the discussion by email. Jerry advised the Regional board that Area boards do not have the authority to grant boats permission to use trapezes when racing in PHRF races.

Area E/F: No meeting, no quorum, one boat on their agenda, the prototype custom Cheetah 30, BABE s/n 51028 was put on the March Regional agenda.

Area G: Reported that they discussed the question of owners of boats in partnership. Anita advised the board that both owners' names could be included on certificates. The discussion concluded with a decision that each owner must be a member of a SCYA or US Sailing affiliated yacht club and both owners must report their MIR status, if any. For further information please see the Area G minutes on their website: www.phrfsandiego.org.

Area I: Not in attendance

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. ALCHEMY, s/n 97999 (DENCHO70) Per Peterson/Arte Means – Request for Rating Review. **2nd Reading**
At the First Reading the Regional Board voted a /+3/+3/+3/ for this request. They also decided to review all the “70’s” along with Alchemy’s **second reading**.
Arte addressed the board asking them for a /+9/+12/+15/ rating adjustment and handed out more race information on the boat. The board voted M/S/P to give ALCHEMY the /+3/+3/+3/ rating adjustment until the 70’s Fleet Review is completed. ALCHEMY’S rating will go from /-72/-87/-87/ to /-69/-84/-84/.
Arte also advised the board that ALCHEMY had to replace its rudder because it was damaged in a boat yard incident. M/S/P for no rating change for the new rudder.

70’s Fleet Review:

Patrick from GRAND ILLUSION addressed the board and told them how GI has raced in the last 2 years and explained the results of their races.

Randy from OEX presented a large package of information on OEX explaining that they only raced in 4 races in the last 2 years. He also explained their race results.

Scott from PENDRAGON 6 addressed the board explaining that his boat is new, just been rated and radically different from the boats in the 70’s fleet. He advised the board that in his opinion the Andrews 63, MEDICINE MAN, s/n 97777 should also be considered as part of the 70’s fleet review.

After a long discussion a member of the Regional Board asked the representatives if they would be willing to participate in aligning the fleet. They heartily agreed so the Chief Handicapper advised the board that he will put together a spreadsheet and forward it to them for their opinions. The 70’s Review will continue next month.

2. OLD SCHOOL, s/n USA291A (TAR10) Pete Woodworth – Request for Rating Review: **2nd Reading**
Last month the board voted a /+3/ to the buoy rating: /111/108/108 to /114/108/108/.

The Chief Handicapper handed out race history on this boat that had not been presented by the boat owner. He also distributed an email from the boat’s competitor documenting the boat’s observed performance and recommending that no rating change be made. Plus, a competitor personally addressed the board and shared his observations on the Tartan 10, Old School’s performance using its new spinnaker and recommended that no rating change be made. The competitor was excused and the board voted M/S/P - No rating change. The rating for certificate USA291A will remain at /111/108/108/.

3. SASSY, s/n 18269 (SOV33) Jim Moore – Modification, added 5 foot bow sprit
Last month the board tabled this request and asked Anita to have the owner clarify the actual measurement of the sprit and whether he was keeping the spinnaker pole. The owner verified the information: he has removed the pole and added a 5' bow sprit. Anita handed out the information sent in by the owner and after a short discussion the board voted for a /-9/-12/-15/ rating adjustment which will take the boat from 87/87/87/ to /78/75/72/. The certificate will be noted “Sprit only, No pole”.
4. TRANSFORMER, s/n 7159 (BEN523) Joel Young – Request for Rating Review: 2nd Reading
Last month the board voted for a /+6/ across: from /36/24/21/ to /42/30/27/.
The board voted M/S/P to confirm their decision from last month. The new rating will be as above.
5. HARBOR 25's Rating Review – Requested by Chief Handicapper, Cole Price.
Review tabled until the March 15th Regional meeting. More time is needed for research.
6. JAVALIN, s/n 52592 (FARR49) David Fell & Eric Fracker - Request for Rating Review: 2nd Reading
Last month the board voted a /+3/ RLC rating and a /+6/ OWC rating adjustment: from /-30/-30/-30/ to /-30/-27/-24/. The board voted M/S/P to confirm their decision from last month.
7. CALAIS, s/n 46575 – (Dencho33) Jerry Hunter – MOD. Reporting a 4' bow sprit.
Last month the board tabled this request and asked Anita to have the owner clarify the exact SPL measurement. The owner confirmed that the length of the new sprit is between 3.5 to 4' ft. so the SPL is going from 11.9 to 15.9' and he has removed the pole. The Chief Handicapper gave the boat a temporary rating of /72/ for one race. He recommends a /-12/-15/-18/. After some discussion the board voted a rating adjustment of /-9/-12/-15/. The rating will go from /87/87/87/ to /78/75/72/. The certificate will be noted: “Sprit only, No pole”.
8. FORGIVENESS, s/n 56192 (J124) Joe Simpkins – MOD - reporting adding a 4' bow sprit
The SPL will go from 15.74 to 18.2. No pole.
Joe addressed the board regarding the sprit and asked for a rating review. The Chief Handicapper advised the owner that he must apply for a rating review through the office. After a discussion they asked for and paid for a second certificate for using this removable bow sprit. Joe was excused and after more discussion the board voted to issue a second certificate to FORGIVENESS at a rating of 30/27/24/.
9. NAOS TWO, s/n FRA40 (BENF40) Charles Devanneaux – MOD, reporting adding a 13 inch bow sprit
The SPL goes from 15.8 to 16.8: also reporting an oversized pole at 16'8”: the J is 15.1.
After a short discussion the board voted a /-6/-9/-9/ rating adjustment. The rating will go from /33/33/33/ to /27/24/24/.
10. 2.7 SECONDS, s/n 56602 (COL300D) John Barthelmass – Request for Rating Review.
John addressed the board and handed out a packet of information. He told the board about the boat's maintenance, crew preparation and race history. After a few questions from the board he was excused and the board discussed the rating review of these boats in 2008 and then voted M/S/P with 4 abstentions for no change to the rating.
11. O CANADA, s/n CAN60 (Custom IMOCA 60) John Curtis – Dick Horn – Initial Rating.
Anita handed out the information/photos on this boat and the Chief Handicapper handed out an extensive spreadsheet. He then explained his reasons for recommending a rating of /-117/-138/-150/. M/S/P to rate O CANADA as the Chief Handicapper recommended.
12. PROMETHEUS, s/n 56573 (HUN35.5L) George Biddle – Mod. addition of a 2'2” bow sprit.
The Chief Handicapper explained to the board that this boat has an existing bow extension and the owner wants to tack his AYSO to it. He recommends a /-3/-3/-3/ rating adjustment although the SPL will not

change. After a short discussion the board voted M/S/P/ for the Chief Handicappers recommendation. The rating will go from /144/138/138/ to /141/135/135/ and the certificate will be noted "boat may attached the AYSO to the anchor roller.

13. SWOOSH, s/n 97589 (FARR38) Alex Cross – Mod. replacing a missing skeg. Anita handed out the drawing and information the owner sent in. The Chief Handicapper addressed the board and recommended no change to the rating. M/S/P for no change.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by the Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole

The next meeting of the PHRF Regional Board will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 7 PM at the Long Beach Yacht Club.