

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16th – 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 B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Zoltan Katzinsky; Area D: Chris Hemans; Area G: Castle Phelps and Mike Riddle and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM

The minutes from the July 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

New Business:

In June a discussion began on the rating comparisons between the J125's and several other boats near them in size focusing on the span between the J125's buoy rating and the J125's RLC/OWC rating. The discussion was postponed until September so the report can be finished.

Old Business:

The Chief Handicapper removed the review of the ULDB 70's . He's had no contact with the fleet.

President's Report:

The President publically thanked the PHRF Vice President and Seal Beach Yacht Club for doing a great job at CHAMPS this year. He also presented a Power Point show of the entered boats. He noted that the races were great except for the unusual kelp in the area.

Vice President's Report:

The PHRF Vice President also publically thanked Seal Beach Yacht Club and Bob Hubbard for doing a fine job of running the regatta this year. He reported that the races went very well and there was hardly any criticism voiced. The class breaks did suffer a bit from a lot of late/last minute entries. He recommended that the board set the venue for next year very soon so next year's dates can get on the yacht club's race calendar earlier.

A board member noted that CBYC might be interested in hosting the regatta next year. Their courses typically are set outside the Long Beach/Los Angeles breakwater.

The PHRF Vice President handed out a draft of a letter including a form for competitors to use to point out rating discrepancies to the board. He highly recommends it go out with the renewals this year in October. The board generally agreed it is a very good idea and will send him any further ideas they have. The letter and form will be ready for printing next month.

Data Systems Report:

The Data Systems officer proposed that the monthly Handicapper's Agenda be posted on line. With the disclaimer that last minute changes can & often do happen. The board approved the idea. He is also working on a change/update to the IC to ISP formula in the data base and will have it ready very soon.

Area Reports: A-I

Area A: Not in attendance

Area B: No meeting: VITA BREVIS contacted him regarding their rating and is on the agenda

Area C: No meeting. The representative from Area C started a discussion regarding the FARR40OD sail requirements/specifications. The Chief Handicapper and PHRF President asked him to prepare and bring a full report next month and put it on the September Agenda.

Area D: No meeting

E-F: Not in attendance

G: The Area G representatives reported they now have 145 member boats in San Diego. He also asked the board about the current trend of boats shifting from rod to composite riggings. The Chief Handicapper and Judge advocate will review Appendix E of the PHRF rules and make a decision on whether those changes constitute a modification and therefore must be declared.

Area I: Not in attendance.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

1. HARBOR 25's Rating Review – Requested by Chief Handicapper – Tabled for one more month.

2. FLASH PACKET, s/n 52727 (BEN40.7) Peter Stazicker – Modification- O/S AYSO

This discussion was tabled last month so the reported AYSO measurements could be verified. Peter and accompanying boat partner addressed the board and handed out information on the FARR40 kite they want to use without penalty. The sail area will be reduced but the hoist will go up. After a lengthy discussion the boat owners withdrew their request as they decided to keep their current sails and rating they have now.

3. VITESSE, s/n 6635 (BENF40) Scott Owen – Initial rating with O/S spinnaker and pole

Anita handed out the application and information. After a short discussion the board voted: M/S/P to rate VITESSE /36/36/36/.

4. VITA BREVIS, s/n 7286 (BEN321) Harry Johnson – Area B Rating change request

The Area B Chairman requests a rating change for this boat noting other BEN321's in the system with very similar dimensions that rate higher. After the board looked over the certificates of all three boats the Chief Handicapper (after commenting that this rating does seem harsh) noted one important difference. The ISP measurement of this boat is 42 feet and the other boat where the ISP is reported is 38.4. He recommended that the owner of VITA BREVIS re-measure the ISP and if it is only 38.4 feet then the rating can be aligned with the other BEN321's in the system.

5. ENCORE, s/n 56835 (VENT21) –Rene Hollander - Modifications

Anita handed out the information sent in by the owner and the board began to discuss it. After a short discussion the Chief Handicapper tabled the discussion and asked Anita to ask the owner to be more specific about the changes: specifically the I: the P: the ISP: the new ballast and the overall weight of the boat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM and the next PHRF Regional meeting will be September 20 at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

