

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regional Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 – 6 PM at LBYC

Attendance: President: Rick Gorman; Vice President: Chris Hemans; Chief Handicapper: Cole Price; Judge Advocate: Jerry Montgomery; Data Systems: Rick von Heydenreich; Area A: Eric Schlageter; Area B: Jerry Kaye; Area C: Eric McClure; Area D: Robert Plant and Dan Rossen; Area G: Mike Riddle Area I: Dirk Freeland; and Fleet Secretary: Anita Cole. Guest: Steve Brown from Area C

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM

The minutes from the August, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

A protest and potential disciplinary action against the BEN40.7, FLASH PACKET, 52727 has been postponed until the October 16th meeting. Area B Chairman, Jerry Kaye, reported that he has been in discussions with Max Lynn and that Max has put together a spreadsheet report of all the BEN 40.7's for next month's meeting. Anita was tasked with writing to all the current member BEN40.7 owners and asking them to be present at the October meeting plus clear up several lingering questions about their intention to use FARR40 kites.

New Business:

Several members contacted the Chief Handicapper regarding compliance with the PHRF SO CAL Off the Wind Course designation for off shore races: specifically the recent SLBYC, DPYC and DWYC sponsored race from Long Beach to Dana Point.

The PHRF Chief Handicapper addressed the board explaining the details of the complaints going on to say that he spoke to the organizers of the race regarding the course they laid out. He explained to those reporting complaints that PHRF does not set hard and fast rules about race courses but rather describes the courses. Then it's up to the yacht clubs/race organizers to decide the course of a particular race. The Judge Advocate offered to put together a note to the yacht clubs reminding them of the PHRF buoy, random leg and off the wind course recommendations. The board accepted his offer with thanks.

President's Report:

Rick is working with 2012 SCYA Commodore regarding the possible merge of the two offices with the SCYA office manager replacing Anita when she retires in November.

Vice President's Report:

Chris is working with SLBYC regarding a date for next year's Championship Regatta: Two dates are being considered, August 3-4 or August 10-11. He wants Champs to be the weekend after the Santa Barbara to King Harbor race.

He also reported that he is working with US Sailing about using their rating recommendations especially in regards to rating boats not observed in Southern California before. It would cost owners and extra \$50 for the service. The board discussed whether this would constitute a rules change and decided that it would not as it's only a data report and not a requirement for a rating.

Data Systems Report:

Rick reported that he is willing to remain the Data Systems Officer for 2013

Area Reports:

Area A: Reported that they discussed SAILAVIE, but deferred any recommendations to the Regional Board.

Areas B-E/F: No meetings

Area G: Reported 165 member boats. They also reported a small controversy with CRA regarding Beer Can (just for fun) races. Apparently they don't require PHRF ratings. The Area G board voted not to object to that in Beer Can (just for fun) races, but in other races the local yacht clubs will use PHRF ratings.

Area I: They reviewed the CAT38, MACAVITY and changed their local buoy rating from /96/ to /102/.

Chief Handicapper's Report:

**PLANKTON, s/n 50904 (Viper830) John Staff – Rating Review request by Handicappers
Last month the board tabled this review and instructed Anita to contact both Viper 830 owners and invite them to this meeting. This has been done and Mr. Staff requests a postponement of this review until he can attend the meeting. This review has been postponed until the October 16th meeting. COWABUNGA's owner responded and will be at the meeting in October.

1. E TICKET, s/n USA 37 (SCZ37) Tom Hudson – Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading
Last month the board voted to re-rate E TICKET from /18/15/12/ to /27/24/21 at the first reading. This month the board voted to approve the rating change.

2. LIBERTY, s/n 77394M (Choate 30) Stephen Keneally - Request for Rating Review 1st Reading
Steven and Greg Koss represented the boat, handed out a packet of information including a spreadsheet of their race results and explained his racing experience plus the information on the boat and race data. He told the board that their current rating of /117/111/108/ was just not fair and asked for a rating of /150/. The board asked many questions and then he was excused. The board discussed the information along with the boat's age and configuration (O/S pole and MHD spinnaker). The discussion concluded with a vote to rerate LIBERTY from /117/111/108/ to /126/123/123/ at this first reading.

3. SAILAVIE, s/n 95968 (Tanton 35) Conrad Gac – Initial Rating.
Anita handed out the application and boat information and the board began a discussion comparing the boat to a Hunter or a CAT35. The discussion concluded with a vote for a provisional rating of /129/129/129/.

4. LULU, s/n 7626 (Schock 34 PC) David Booker – Request for a Rating Review – 1st Reading
The request has been tabled until the October meeting because the boat was not represented tonight.

5. RADIO FLYER, s/n 93145 (J145) Carolyn Parks – Request for a Rating Review – 1st Reading
Carolyn represented her boat handing out a good deal of information and a race result spreadsheet. She wants a rating adjustment from /-21/-27/-30/ to /-9/-15/-18/ the same as her local rating. She answered several questions from the board and was then excused. The board discussed her presentation, the age of the boat's sails and the fact that she doesn't fly a Code O. After the discussion the board voted a rating change of /-15/-21/-24/ at this first reading.

6. BUD, s/n 52006 (TP52) Victor Wild – Modifications.
Dave Servais represented the boat handing out a great deal of information on the modifications and race results. He requested that the entire fleet be reviewed asserting that the information he just handed out included race data on all the TP52's. He also asserted that the older design boats should get rating considerations which would bring about a resurgence of interest in racing these boats in the PHRF

configuration. He added that he has raced on nearly all the TP52's on the supplied comparison sheet. He was asked what rating adjustment he wanted. He answered that he wanted a /+6/ to their RLC rating. As to the modifications: he told the board that all TP52's, 2004 and newer, have to use rod rigging and the shrouds need to be replaced every year. He went on to explain that they need to change the spreaders as well as the shrouds. After a long discussion and many, many questions from the board he was excused and the board continued the discussion concluding with a vote to knock BUD /-3/-3/-0/ for this modification and call in all the TP52's current in the system for a rating review next month.

7. DARE TOO, US 226 (International Tempest 22) Robert Kettenhofen – O/S Spinnaker Modification Anita handed out the information on the modification and the Chief Handicapper advised the board that the spinnaker will be increasing from 23% to 28% oversized. A board member asked if he is using a trapeze as it is a trapeze boat and this increase will make it really hard to use a trapeze. After a long discussion the board tabled any rating decision until the ISP measurement can be verified and the use of a trapeze can be established.

8. MISFIT, 35010A (ID35) Eric Schlageter and George Moll – Request for a Rating Review, 1st Reading First Eric reported an engine change which will add 50 lbs to the weight of the boat. He also asked for the certificate 35010 to be eliminated from the data base because they will no longer be using that configuration. They will only use the square top main with the AYSO sprit configuration from now on. He handed out boat information and a spreadsheet of race results and went on to explain his boat's limitations plus some ORR rating information from around the country for the stock ID35. He asked for a rating adjustment to /42/33/30/ from /30/24/12/. He then asked the board to review all the ratings of the ID35 fleet, which the board agreed to do. He was excused and the board discussed his presentation and voted to adjust his rating to /33/30/21/ at this first reading. The ID35 fleet will be invited to the PHRF Regional meeting for a rating review next month.

9. RELENTLESS, 46052 & 46052A (SZC52T) Will Durant & Jeff Shew – Request for Rating Review. 2nd Reading Bill Durant represented the boat stating that the rating adjustment of his competitor SCZ52 last month gave them a delta of 12 seconds and that is too much. He further stated that they have changed back from their Transpac configuration to a PHRF configuration. After several questions he was excused and the board discussed the ratings of the SCZ52's: PREVAIL, PARANOIA, TRIUMPH and RELENTLESS deciding on a rating adjustment for RELENTLESS, which will go from /-18/-21/-24/ to /-18/-18/-18/.

At the conclusion of the meeting Anita was asked to notify the member owners of the TP52's; J125's; SCZ50's and the fractionally rigged FARR 40's that the board intends to review their fleets at the October 16th Regional PHRF meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10PM

The next PHRF Regional meeting will be held at LBYC, 7PM on Tuesday, October 16th.