

PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Regional Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2014 6 PM at LBYC

In attendance: Lisa Gilinger, Jerry Kaye, Cole Price, Rick von Heydenreich, Dan Rossen, Walter Shaffer, Robert Plant, Tim Racisz, Mike Hopper, Bruce Cooper, and Karen Campbell (6:05pm)

May Minutes: Approved with revisions.

Old Business:

- Discussion regarding changing dues/late fees included additional cost to new members, tiered payments (next year or at a discount, prepaid Championship entry fee), flat fees, and an extra fee to expedite certifications. **Motion for a \$65 flat fee. M/S/P.**
- Updating the Rules and Bylaws.
 - Chief Handicapper requested on behalf of Judge Advocate (not in attendance) an opportunity for additional review. Board was asked to send comments to Judge Advocate for next month's meeting.
 - Pursuant to Area B Representative, Rule 5.4 conflicts with area adjustments in areas where boats resides in. Chief Handicapper explained his interpretation – only the board in the subject area can vote to change an Area rating. Comments to be passed onto Judge Advocate.

New Business: No new business.

President's Report: Not in attendance.

Vice President's Report: Not in attendance.

- On behalf of Vice President, Fleet Secretary announced that Vice President is continuing to work on 2014 CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Fast 50s, Multihulls, and, hopefully, Super 20 will be in attendance. Additionally, "save the date" announcements were sent to all area members.

Judge Advocate: Not in attendance.

Data Systems Report:

- Data Systems Officer reported that the computer transfer happened easily and appropriate changes to website have been made. There still is a need to move the files from prior Fleet Secretary's possession. Board Members made offers to help move files to Signal Hill location. **Motion for fees for future storage and use of Signal Hill's location was discussed M/S/P (\$400p/m).**
- The board discussed the subject of notifying new applicants about the requirement to have SCYA approved sail numbers. Is there a way to make the sail number easier to notice to our members? Language was suggested that would allow the use of either (1) approved SCYA sail numbers, (2) preexisting sail numbers from a recognized authority, or (3) a one-design sail number, or one design hull number." **Motion made that the Fleet Secretary is to make any conflicting sail numbers unique for database. M/S/P.**

Fleet Secretary's Report:

- CHAMPIONSHIPS – Will have Fast 50s, Multihulls and hopefully Super 20 (See Vice President's report)
- Website is terrific. Renewals and applications, when all information from applicants are included, are issued easily and quickly.

- It was suggested that Remarks/Notes sections in database that are not visible to public when certificates are printed need to be moved to “Modified” to give notice to Race Committee. Motion made to revisit next month regarding language to be included on certificates.

AREA Reports

AREA: Mike Hopper:

- MULL 22's – Discussion regarding Fractional kites/mast head kites – Never raced with fractional kite but still racing with 600 sq/ft kite, 200 sq/ft main. It was asked if someone in Area A had asked for an area review at local area. Racings with an OLS30 kite, Mel24 main, oversize pole, 10 SPL, rather than stock, E increased 1.5 feet to 11.4 recommended /99/96/93/.
 - Owner needs to be invited for first reading – email to owner: verify configurations applied for and mods, bring current measurements and current racing results.
 - FIRST READING NEXT MONTH.

AREA B: Jerry Kaye:

- Email received regarding several yacht clubs not requiring PHRF certificates to racing.
 - Fleet Secretary directed to send a copy of past letter to Regional Board for review.
 - More discussion at next month's meeting.

AREA C: Tim Racisz:

1. Hunter 40s, Second Reading. No ratings change.

AREA D: Dan Rossen:

- Discussion regarding boats that race in the bay only. Unable to rate for “in bay only” so it was suggested that Area representative speak to RC to “recommend” a rating. Area D representative should send email to clubs only recommending a revised handicap.
- J24's rating change in 2011, however, will wait for official complaint.

AREA E/F: Charles Gamlich: Not in attendance.

AREA G: Walter Shaffer:

- Protest pending regarding EXPRESSION SESSION. Records show 2014 certificate effective 04/2014 with modifications acknowledged 05/2014. Owner claimed renewed in 12/2013; however, check never received or cashed. It was recommended that PHRF SoCal provide information and facts but decision on protest will be up to the Protest Committee.
- ID 35s – Area rating /42/ across the board. Discussion re too generous, average around country (33).
- US Sailing is now hosting a database. Regional Board is aware.
- 20 new boats have been rated. David Weil, and full executive board had a hand.

AREA I: Lisa Gilinger:

- Area I Meeting last night where DANGER ZONE was forwarded to Regional Board.
 - Will await comments after DANGER ZONE's presentation.

Sports Boat Advisor: Robert Plant: No report

Chief Handicapper's Report: - (Due To Similar Issues, Items 1 & 2 Were Discussed Concurrently)

1. **MARGARITAVILLE 1 ½ (S/N 50100); 52' Sloop** – Request for Rating Review. **SECOND READING**
2. **Transpac 52 Fleet: SECOND READING** – TP52s were adjusted as follows at the First Reading:

Type/Name	FROM			BY			TO		
	Buoy	RLC	OWC	Buoy	RLC	OWC	Buoy	RLC	OWC
PENDRAGON - DAV52	-54	-60	-69	-6		3	-60	-60	-66
MARGARITAVILLE a- 52 SLP	-54	-63	-72	-6		3	-60	-63	-69
TP52 CAZADOR	-72	-72	-81	3			-69	-72	-81
TP52 CAZADOR	-81	-81	-90	3			-78	-81	-90
TP52 - BEAU GESTE	-90	-93	-99				-90	-93	-99
TP52 BUD	-84	-87	-90				-84	-87	-90
TP52 BUD	-93	-96	-99				-93	-96	-99
TP52 FLASH	-90	-93	-99				-90	-93	-99
TP52 FLASH	-81	-84	-90				-81	-84	-90
TP52 MAYHEM	-78	-81	-87				-78	-81	-87
TP52 MAYHEM	-87	-90	-94				-87	-90	-94
TP52 PATCHES	-84	-87	-90				-84	-87	-90
TP52 PYEWACKET II	-87	-90	-105				-87	-90	-105
TP52 REBEL YELL	-81	-84	-90				-81	-84	-90
TP52 REBEL YELL	-90	-93	-99				-90	-93	-99
TP52 TRADER	-78	-81	-87				-78	-81	-87
TP52 VALKYRIE	-78	-81	-87				-78	-81	-87
TP52/JV RIO	-84	-87	-93				-84	-87	-93

- A short recapped from last month’s meeting was presented.
- Jason Vandenberg presented recap of races. He is of the opinion that by taking /-6/ away, it will destroy MARGARITAVILLE’S programs even with a perfect race. Ratings in San Diego would be appropriate.
- After discussion, it is recommend to not adjust PENDRAGON’s buoy rating.
- The modifications to the keels on MARGARITAVILLE/PENDRAGON/TAXI was discussed.
- PENDRAGON/ 6/ buoy; /+3/ off wind (from last meeting)
 - Scott Dixon/David Graham – Presented observations of PENDRAGON’s and MARGARITAVILLE’s keels, MARGARITAVILLE’s jib changes and fat-head main, MARGARITAVILLE just recently declared correct number, in his opinion certificate still does not show corrected. Feels accurate is ORR Cal RW 4 out 5 poor starts, sailed good and bad legs. MARGARITAVILLE being rewarded for sailing not well. Scott reported 1 ½ year that MARGARITAVILLE’s certificate is not correct. / 6 seconds per mile not enough. It was noted that PENDRAGON does not have a fat-head main.
- Asked where did these numbers come from? PENDRAGON got them from a reliable source. Discussion continued regarding being rated ORR but not MARGARITAVILLE; difference in hull weights, drafts, main size. MARGARITAVILLE suffers in light air but when powered up a “different animal” against the lighter PENDRAGON.
- Discussion that PENDRAGON has same items and differences.
- David Graham – TP52s felt changes were a great thing from a couple of months ago where the fleet was given /+6/ second adjustment, which is now being “reversed.”
- Recapped that Regional Board started adjusting other boats (TP52’s) because it did not adjust. MARGARITAVILLE then return TP52’s to original at last month’s First Reading.

- David Graham was asked to compare BUD– TP52 vs other boats. He explained averages with results. MARGARITAVILLE on top, with REBEL YELL and BUD below. TP52’s have been requesting adjustments to their ratings for 2 years. Fleet has raced more with the small /+6/ sec/mi adjustment, now they have come back. Results still lacking so they were adjusted/+6/ in May. With adjustments gives them a fighting chance.
- Rebel Yell – Disappointment to resend May’s changes. Next to impossible to win with current rating. Lost F40 by 4 ½ minutes. Rebel Yell well prepared but cannot compete. Please reconsider to prior changes. Rebel Yell was compared to the differences from each generation of TP52s/box boats. It was IRC, added transom, added 800-1,000 lbs to bulb.
- Steve Dodd – explained modifications to draft for stability.
- Discussion regarding Staghound/Grand Illusion – MARGARITAVILLE has under gone numerous changes – fat head main, bulb, much more powerfully boat – basically a 1st generation TP52. Race results do not show speed potential. MARGARITAVILLE sails well with long term crew. Very fast downwind as observed from GI at Cal Race Week. All changes to MARGARITAVILLE have been beneficial to its performance.

In Steve Dodd’s opinion, boat speed is even between CAZADOR and MARGARITAVILLE.

- Scott Dixon is asked regarding PENDRAGON’s rating, off wind is not where it should be. Delta is bigger than other boats that are not that different.
- Dan Rossen shared his thoughts and opinions relating to the performance of MARGARITAVILLE vs. other Fast 50’s, including TP52’s.
- PRIOR TO REGIONAL BOARD DISCUSSION, Dan Rossen left the room so that there was no misunderstanding regarding PHRF Board Members’ influence regarding these handicapping actions.
- Fleet Secretary was asked to contact owner of MARGARITAVILLE to confirm dimension as shown on 2014 PHRF certificate.
- Discussion followed. Motion made to amend as follows:

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- S/discussion/P.

3. KOKOPELLI 2 (S/N 43717); Santa Crus 52T – Request for Rating Review. FIRST READING
Lani Spund in attendance.

- Lani Spund about number of races.
 - 12 with current rig with sweep back spreaders added in September to eliminate runners so he and his wife can sail. Head sails same as tall rig, fractional, mast head spin, electric winches (declared), ORR and IRC ratings (current).
- Issue is no one to race in San Diego so must race in Fast 50 Fleet. Last or next to last in 12 consecutive races. 20 some seconds a mile out of being competitive. Won Big Boat with owner at helm and same crew. Has built-ins for cruising. 5,000-7,000 lbs heavier than what he races against. Blue Blazes and Varoona are both like the boat but faster down wind. Cannot see TP52s on race course to compare.
- Owned since 1998, won TransPac and Big Boat.
- Stated Random Leg, in 6-14 kts of wind or 20kts downwind are best conditions to race.
- Requesting reasonable successful, fair rating.
- Discussion regarding what is on and what comes off to race, crews. Boat was originally rated conservatively. /+6/ buoy only.
- M/S/P.

4. DANGER ZONE (S/N 4128); Taylor 32 – Request for Rating Review. FIRST READING
Gregory Koss and Steve Keneally in attendance.

- Racing for a year (26 races). Tabulation of results presented. No changes in result, great starts, J88 equal up and down wind. Upwind in 10 kts can sail 7-10 kts, downwind is favorable. Example of Wednesday racing at weather mark way ahead, the wind changed after 6pm. Same core crew. Asked what was felt as a fair rating with a response of a rating to get in B fleet – 72. Stated not using flat top main but using pinhead main. Normal crew is 6.
- After a short discussion, it was recommended to adjust buoy /+9/. M/S/discussion/P.

MARGARETTAVILLE – Wished to readdress the Board:

Coming to meetings for 8 months with all information requested including crew work, Board is supposed to encourage racing. With 9 seconds cannot get on podium, will think about withdraw from LBRW. Program is done, no more campaigning. Finish times every close in numerous regattas.

Follow up regarding language of boat modifications:

- Walter/Jerry could not find language that supports modification without a new certificate.
- Example: J105 is in violation if racing under an OD certificate and are 1 lb over weight.
- Protest committee at SWYC wants to know when modification was stated.
- Class Rules – Appendix F 3.0 – Rule
- Board Interpretation- Motion/Second/Pass

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Long Beach Yacht Club