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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY REVIEW, SEPT. 16, 2009

The quarterly review was held Wed, Sept. 16, 2009 at Singing River Yacht Club. All Area Handicappers were present.

DISCUSSION:

DUAL RATING SYSTEM:

The subject of providing a two handicap system was discussed at the March 11, May 20 and Sept 16 meetings. The consensus was that the GYA PHRF should continue researching other areas providing multiple handicaps and develop a system for our area for further study. The PHRF committee believes a Distance and a Buoy rating system would work best.

A detailed listing comparing GYA boats to Southern California boats was presented at our May 20 meeting and reviewed. So Cal uses a three rating system, Buoy (using temporary marks), Linear Random Course (RLC), and Off Win Course (OWC). For many traditional type boats the ratings are all the same. Sport Boats, Sprit Boats, and boats that perform significantly better on certain points of sail than other points of sail typically have different ratings for Buoy, RLC and OWC. So Cal has many OWC type races that do not compare to the GYA. So Cal OWC ratings have been excluded from future reviews.

The board has recognized that our current base ratings represent Buoy type races (using temporary marks), mainly (but not entirely) windward/leeward type racing. For mock review purposes all boats will be assigned a delta rating (plus or minus) in seconds per mile that when added to the Buoy (temporary marks) rating will establish a rating to be used to score all races other than Buoy (temporary marks) type courses. Initial GYA deltas will be based on (but not identical to) So Cal deltas (not So Cal absolute rating) between Buoy and RLC ratings for boats that are matched identically and/or similar to So Cal rated boats. Boats that cannot be rated this way will be given special consideration by the committee. Many (but not all) traditional type boats will have 0 adjustment.

A strawman of possible GYA deltas for a distance type handicap was distributed to all Area Handicapper and Assistant Handicapper for review. Area Handicappers will mark up this strawman with their recommendations. A consolidation of Handicappers recommendations will be presented at the Annual review. It is planned that a decision will be made at the Annual Review to: 1) implement the dual rating system; 2) continue to review results using the mock dual rating system; or 3), discontinue the study.

Comments from all sailors are welcomed and should be discussed with your Area Handicapper (see directory at GYA-PHRF.com) or send to Tom beery, beerytom@yahoo.com.

ROLLER FURLING CREDIT FOR ALL BOATS:

It has been requested that we consider giving the roller furling credit of +6 seconds to all bats with roller furling genoas that do not have the credit because their SA/DSPL is greater than 17.9.

DECISION: The committee voted unanimously to stay with our current By-Laws.

MODIFICATIONS:

J-90, "Hot Toddy" has re-modified his rudder, trying to get to the original J-90 performance. The new rudder is a Bruce Farr design as the original J-boat design is not available (per J-boats).

DECISION: The committee voted unanimously to allow the new rudder with a -3 second change.

PROVISIONAL RATINGS GIVEN SINCE LAST MEETING

ERICSON 33 "JUDICIOUS"

BASE 135

NET 135

ALLIED PRICNESS 36 K

BASE 204

NET 222 (PROP AND R. Furl)

DECISION: The committee unanimously confirmed the proviosional ratings as stated.

NEW BOATS TO RATE:

ETCHELLS 22 ODR:

DECISION: The committee voted unanimously a net rating of 117 ODR, as a provisional rating based on pending By-Laws changes to allow certain non self-righting boats with positive floatation (to be discussed at the Annual Review).

HUNTER 43 LEGEND: **DECISION:** BASE 99

APPEALS:

COM-PAC 25: (BROUGHT UP BY AREA HANDICAPPER) (NEEDS HELP)

DECISION: Tabled pending receipt of proper appeal on RATING ADJUSTMENT REQUEST FORM.

SANTANA 30/30 GP (BROUGHT UP BY AREA HANDICAPPER)

DECISION: Will review with all other boats at the Annual Review.

REVIEWS:

At the Annual review of all yachts in our system a comparision to US PHRF LOW, HIGH AND AVERAGE rating, compared to the GYA, will be presented to highlight significant differences between US PHRF and GYA ratings. This is another tool for handicapper evaluation.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Area Handicappers Mark Palermo and Alan McMillan will continue to study the feasibility of allowing both symmetrical and asymmetrical spinnakers with or without penalty. In addition, asymmetrical spinnakers on non one design boats should be allowed to fly from the spinnaker pole vs tacked to the jib tack point (which is now the rule). Further discussion will be held at the Annual Review.

SCHEDULE: The Annual Review will be held January 10, 2010. All appeals and other agenda items must be submitted no later than December 1, 2009.

