

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/29/2016

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:50 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Charlotte Kinkade X
2 – Craig Correia
3 – Aidan Glackin
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Alex Bolan
10 – Dave Noble X
12 – Marcus Rogers X
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Josh Bowens for Todd Warnygora X
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – Vacant
22 – James Foster
Will Welles
Chip Till X
Molly White X
Kat Malone X
Bob Kinsman
Jeff Johnstone

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Class Office Report
5. Championship Updates
6. Rules/Technical Report
7. District Governor Brief Reports
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Annual Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *No comments were made via e-mail or on this call, and the minutes were approved.*
3. **President's Report** – Will was unable to join the meeting, so Chip spoke on his behalf. Looks like the North Americans in Toronto will be well attended, and we know Rossi and the CAN-JCA will put on a great event!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 459 members so far in 2016 (budget is 501). Charitable contributions in this calendar year = \$1,855. The USJCA website has been rebuilt and went live in mid-August. Feedback is always welcome. The wall calendar Facebook photo contest has concluded, and we are now in the process of collecting all the high-res files. Something to think about for the future is whether to try to sell the calendar internationally to increase sales.
5. **Championship Updates** –
2016 North American Championship @ Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, September 8-11: 46 boats are registered, and the organizers have everything on track.
2016 World Championship, Japan, September 19-23: three USA boats are attending out of 44 total. The JPN-JCA has worked very hard, and their enthusiasm is extremely high. This is the year in the IJCA regatta rotation to be outside of North America and Europe.
2017 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach, FL, February 10-12: Dave said that the NOR was released a couple weeks ago, however they are working

through website issues. He is making arrangements for launch/haul and sponsorship. There is a positive effect on Eau Gallie Yacht Club.

2017 US National Championship @ Corinthian Yacht Club, Seattle, WA, May 19-21

2017 North American Championship @ Houston Yacht Club, Houston, Texas from May 26-28

2017 World Championship @ Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada,

September 15-23, 2017: Keep up with 2017 Worlds qualifiers at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-2014-worlds/>.

Checkout the USJCA online calendar for event information: <http://j24usa.com/calendar-4/>

Please remember to forward the following information on regattas in your area to the Class Office: regatta name, dates, event website, host yacht club + its city & state, contact person + his/her e-mail & phone #.

Chip noted that Port Clinton Yacht Club in Ohio has expressed interest in hosting a major Championship. We are always looking for new places to go, and suggestions are welcome.

Charlotte said that the Downeast Regatta will have live analytics this year.

6. **Rules/Technical Update** – Chris said that there are some Rules changes forthcoming, but they are clerical in nature (further cleaning up of the Rules following the ISAF re-write). The US will be voting, but it will not be on anything substantive. When Tim Winger has the official language prepared, we will distribute it for a USJCA vote.

7. **District Governor Brief Reports** –

1 – Charlotte Kinkade: The 30th Downeast Regatta is September 10-11, and the District 1 Championship is September 23-26. Two best practices are: Fleet 139 distributes a weekly post-racing recap as well as holds post-race socials in conjunction with a high school fundraiser.

4 – Chris Stone: Some past competitive sailors are returning and revitalizing areas. His yacht club is working to increase participation.

6 – Anthony Parker: Tony Parker could not make the meeting, but wanted to remind everyone of the East Coast Championship that will be October 28-30. They will endeavor to put everyone up for free and will provide a place to store the boats after the regatta for those people going to Florida for the Midwinters.

7 – Russell Cook: The District is struggling with participation. It's up to the Governors and Fleet Captains to work on this issue. He thinks that the redistribution of 2017 Worlds berths has frustrated some folks.

10 – Dave Noble: The Florida State Series concluded, with 39 boats overall (four did all of the regattas). October 1 starts the new Series in Melbourne. He sees the J/24 being the second boat for many people, and there are so many events especially in Florida. It's a challenge to sort out the calendar. November 19 is Southeast Regionals at Kings Day.

12 – Marcus Rogers: The District Championship was two weeks ago in Put-in-Bay Ohio, and he met some young racers from Port Clinton. They had 9 boats, but it was an expensive event. The upcoming Hoosier Cup Championship has four people competing for the title. Marcus thinks Port Clinton will be an up and coming regatta location with a new hoist. Lake Norman is a good template for a hoist proposal.

18 – Josh Bowens: The weather has been challenging, but there are good numbers of J/24s competing (more than average). The District Championship is September 17-18.

19 – John Mason: Western Regionals are October 15-16, and they expect 17-18 boats. About 25 boats race weekly in Seattle. Next Spring, they will host the US Nationals. The NOR is almost finalized, and they are seeking sponsorship.

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** – Clarification was sought on how Worlds berths are allocated. Chris recapped that there is no specific criteria in determining which Districts have a qualifier. The IJCA has an established chart of berths based on the amount of memberships purchased by an NCA. The IJCA awarded additional US berths to be able to support a Toronto-hosted event. The USA-JCA Executive Committee set the extra berths to our major Championships. We can revisit the

US allocations in 2018 for the next North American-hosted Worlds in 2019. Chip added that our 2016 major Championships are all in the eastern third of the country, so the US Executive Committee wanted to provide a fair opportunity for the rest of the country to qualify. Chris Stone suggested that the “event website” link on the USJCA website calendar be larger.

10. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. EST

Action Items:

--When Tim Winger has the Rules proposals prepared, Chris will distribute it for a USJCA vote.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. EST