

# U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/14/2016

**Start:** 7:05 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 8:05 p.m. EDT

**Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Charlotte Kinkade X  
2 – Craig Correia X  
3 – Aidan Glackin X  
4 – Chris Stone  
6 – Anthony Parker X  
7 – Russell Cook X  
8 – Alex Bolan X  
10 – Dave Noble X  
12 – Marcus Rogers X  
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon  
15 – Tim Oelschlager X  
18 – Todd Warnygora  
19 – John Mason  
20 – Jasper Van Vliet  
21 – Vacant  
22 – James Foster  
Will Welles X  
Chip Till X  
Molly White X  
Kat Malone  
Bob Kinsman X  
Jeff Johnstone  
Joe Buonasera, 2016 US Nationals X

**Agenda:**

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Class Office Report
5. Regattas
6. District Governor Brief Reports
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Next 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 said that we've got a good Winter Series going with Kings Day last year, the Midwinters in February and the upcoming Easter Regatta. Thanks to Dave Noble for the perpetual trophy for the top amateur helmsperson. Congrats to Rossi Milev for winning the Midwinters, where several boats qualified for the 2017 Worlds. Check out the updates below on our upcoming major events. As we approach the summer season, let's work together to promote the J/24 Class. Your Officers are here to help!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 326 2016 members so far (369 at the March 2015 meeting, which was following the March 1 dues increase). Calendar sales income is \$3,323.50 so far (down about \$200 from this time last year, although we saved a little money on printing compared to 2015). Charitable contributions in this calendar year = \$1,130. There may be more ways to promote the charitable contributions, especially since the Class is a 501c3. Chip and Tony will work offline on this project.
5. **Regattas** –  
2016 US National Championship @ Sayville Yacht Club, May 11-16: Joe Buonasera said that 37 boats are registered. He expects another 4-5 local boats to enter, and they are hopeful to get to 50 total. The club is planning the on-water and off-water events, and they have a plethora of

support boats and volunteers. May 11 is the first day of onsite registration with a practice race the following day. All the trailers will be together, and they've hired a crane to assist with haul-out. Saturday night is a clambake at ~\$10 per person. Anderson Reggio is the PRO, and a Jury is secured. Some housing has been coordinated, and they hope to offer more. Hotel blocks are noted on the website. Spread the word on the event to your Districts & Fleets!

The 2016 North American Championship is at Port Credit Yacht Club from September 8-11.

The 2016 World Championship is in Japan from September 19-23. The 2017 Midwinter Championship is confirmed at @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Indian Harbour Beach, FL from February 10-12, and the 2017 North American Championship is confirmed @ Houston Yacht Club in Texas from May 26-28.

Keep up with 2017 Worlds qualifiers here:

<http://www.j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-2014-worlds/>

Please 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 #. We want to help promote your events!

#### 6. **District Governor Brief Reports –**

1 – Charlotte Kinkade: She has e-mailed fleet captains to encourage Nationals registration.

They have a meeting this Wednesday, but their harbor is not yet open. The Downeast Regatta is September 10-11, and the District 1 Championship is September 23 at Lake Winnepesaukee.

2 – Craig Correia: Fleet 50 has the Newport Regatta, and the Northeast Championship is the Buzzards Bay Regatta. They are working on housing and sponsorship. It's a Friday/Saturday/Sunday format, but the Friday racing is later in the day. They have a couple junior teams in the area.

3 – Aidan Glackin: The big event in the District is Nationals, and they'll do a great job. They are working on putting together a measurement team. Expect nice breeze. The District will host the Northeast Championship in 2017.

6 – Anthony Parker: The Annapolis NOOD is in early May, and they are working on how to proceed with the East Coast Championship.

7 – Russell Cook: They continue with their Pennant Series. He's encouraging regional participation to qualify for the 2017 Worlds.

8 – Chip Till: Easter Regatta is coming up, with a few more Classes invited (including the J/70s sailing as Corinthians only). Expect a great time. Charleston Race Week follows in April.

10 – Dave Noble: The Florida circuit continues in St. Pete and Davis Island this spring. The Southeast Regionals will be the Kings Day Regatta in November (the start of the next Winter Series). They are challenged by the full weekend schedule in the south. Planning continues on the 2017 Midwinters.

12 – Marcus Rogers: Districts will be during Bay Week. He's working to clean up the Classifieds.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: Districts will be in Chicago this year. Overall, their fleets are stable.

#### 7. **Technical Report –** Governors were asked to review the Rules + Explanation document prior to the call at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules/>. The IJCA Technical Committee is working on a new Measurement Form. Measurers can use the current form in the meantime.

Here are the main items:

--These are "Closed Rules" – if it doesn't say you can, then you cannot

--World Sailing's interpretations on hiking have been clarified – middle crew/trimmers can't hang off the lifelines (butt on the deck / hips and shoulders within the lifelines)

--GPS devices/compasses are allowed, but nothing with plotting functions (cannot use phone/tablet)

--Does allow for turnbuckle on headstay. The intent was to allow folks to get to max headstay length. The side effect is that it's not strong enough to account for what people can do on the water. SIs should include language to say you can't change the forestay on the water or after it

has been measured/secured for a regatta. The Technical Committee is updating the pattern NOR and SI for the current year, until a Rule change corrects this issue. Tim Winger will be distributing language for upcoming events, which will be also posted online.

--Spinnaker pole weight has been removed

--Motor fuel reserve requirement has been removed (-2 kilos for motor weight)

--Bungee cord across pushpit is formally allowed

--Read what you can/can't use for backing plates

--All of Section C should be reviewed on what can be replaced

--Anyone planning expansive work should read section D and consult a local measurer and/or Bob Kinsman or Tim Winger (the weight change restrictions in this Rule will be updated in the next Rules cycle and will not be enforced in the meantime)

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** – The IJCA World Council Meeting will be October 15, 2016 at Port Credit Yacht Club in Canada. Will and Chip plan to represent the USJCA.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

**Action Items:**

--Chip and Tony will work offline on increasing charitable contributions.

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

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. EDT