

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

**Date:** 6/26/2017

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

**Adjourn:** 7:45 p.m. EDT

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Charlotte Kinkade  
2 – Craig Correia  
3 – Aidan Glackin X  
4 – Chris Stone X  
6 – Tony Parker X  
7 – Russ Cook X  
8 – Crisp McDonald X  
10 – Todd Fedyszyn  
12 – Marcus Rogers X  
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon  
15 – Tim Oelschlager X  
18 – Todd Warnygora  
19 – John Mason X  
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X  
21 – Deke Klatt X  
22 – James Foster  
Chip Till  
Molly White X  
Dan Busch  
Kat Malone X  
Bob Kinsman  
Jeff Johnstone  
Will Welles X

## **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. Boat Grant Program
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; we have a quorum.
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** – Chip is under the weather.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 398 members so far in 2017 (501 budgeted). Make sure your local owners are members. Charitable contributions in this calendar year = \$1,030. The biggest receipt of charitable contributions is at the end of each year.
5. **Championship Updates** –  
The 2017 US Nationals was last month in Seattle, WA. There was a mix of local boats + a few travelers over three days of racing. Everyone had a good time, and competitors were well taken care of. Will said everyone should try to sail there!  
The 2017 North Americans was last month in Houston, TX. Molly said they had 10 races in three days. It was warm and breezy!  
--2017 World Championship @ Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, September 15-23, 2017: Worlds qualifiers are at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>. All but four US people are registered, but each has made a verbal commitment to attend. Sixty-one people are registered overall.  
-- 2018 Midwinter Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, FL, March 2-4: Molly asked

Governors to reiterate that the Midwinters are a little later than usual in 2018.

-- 2018 North American Championship @ Charleston Yacht Club, SC, May 2-6: Crisp said they are working on multi-regatta discounts for people who come over for Easter Regatta and Charleston Race Week, as well as storage in between. Look for more details soon.

-- 2018 World Championship @ Fraglia Vela Riva del Garda, Italy, August 24-31

-- 2018 US National Championship @ Portland Yacht Club, ME, September 7-9: Molly said this will be a similar format to the recent NAC there, with a few twists TBA.

Make sure to promote your District Championships as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race as part of J/Fest. Will noted that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race is focusing on having fun.

Chris S. has been working with Atlantic Highlands YC to have a keelboat ready to sail and get people out, which removes the hassle of moving boats from dry docks into the water.

6. **Boat Grant Program** – The first recipient is Brendan Feeney and his University of South Florida St. Petersburg team. There were 10 applicants. Molly thanked the committee for their work. Todd Fedyszyn and Aidan Glackin are Brendan's mentors. The boat and engine will be delivered shortly, as all the paperwork is being finalized with waivers and insurance. We may need to issue a formal request for donations to the program...spread the word! The Committee is still formalizing the sponsorship levels. If the team attends a regatta in your area, we ask that you waive their entry fee.
7. **Technical Report** – Chris H. said that there are no Rules proposals in the works so far. Cleaned-up Regatta Regulations will be posted this week.
8. **Old Business** – Look for the annual Facebook photo contest for the wall calendar.
9. **New Business** –
  - 3 – Aidan Glackin: The Northeast Championship is coming up. The Sayville fleet has its own mini boat grant program in action now. They are the main fleet in the District.
  - 4 – Chris Stone: They are trying to develop a wet-sailing fleet as discussed above.
  - 6 – Tony Parker: Last year, they worked hard to reinvigorate the East Coast Championship, which went great. Plan to come in 2017! They'll help with storage and housing.
  - 7 – Russ Cook: Lake Ontario has very high water levels which may affect three yacht clubs and their events. Oswego YS is hosting the Hospice Nationals in the J/24.
  - 8 – Crisp McDonald: They are completely dry-sailed, but are seeking ways to get more people on the road and improving their skills. Contact Crisp offline with your advice.
  - 10 – Kat Malone: She has noticed recent college grads racing more and travelling with the boats. Everyone is excited about the events coming up in Miami.
  - 12 – Marcus Rogers: Cleveland Race Week had nine boats, up from two last year. There are a couple younger kids in the area, and the person who won was a kid who has had the boat for just a few weeks.
  - 15 – Tim Oelschlager: He expects the Great Lakes Championship to move up there from Chicago this fall.
  - 19 – John Mason: Districts are in September in Idaho, which several Seattle boats will attend. Everyone enjoyed the Nationals in May.
  - 20 – Jasper Van Vliet: The fleet is holding, but unfortunately they didn't make it up to Nationals.
  - 21 – Deke Klatt: Western Regionals are in July at Ventura Yacht Club. Expect a great event. There is ample storage if people need to stay longer, and the entry fee is reasonable. The District struggles with getting people to renew memberships...ideas are encouraged. They are getting a new website going.
10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

**Action Items:**

--Chris H. will initiate the annual Facebook photo contest for the wall calendar.

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