

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/15/2017

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 X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Crisp McDonald
10 – Dave Noble and Todd Fedyszyn X
12 – Marcus Rogers X
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – Deke Klatt X
22 – James Foster
Chip Till X
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Kat Malone X
Bob Kinsman X
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. 2017 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. Chip thanked all for coming to the meeting.
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 excited about what is going on in the Class right now, such as the launch of the boat grant program. Many people have worked hard on this project already, including Will, Molly, Marcus and Tonja.

Chip introduced the new District 10 Governor Todd Fedyszyn: The US J/24 Class is proud to announce Todd Fedyszyn as the new District 10 Governor (Florida). Todd and his wife Genoa are both long time sailors and reside in St. Petersburg, FL, where they are both extremely active in all areas of youth sailing. Todd is currently the Race Director at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, a role he has enjoyed since 2005. Notably, Todd was named the 2014 US Sailing Development Coach of the Year and has also served as the President of the South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association. Additionally, he has served as the Director of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Junior Offshore program, providing youth sailors valuable big boat and distance racing experience. Todd has been involved with the J/24 Class for many years and is planning on attending the 2017 World Championships in Toronto, Canada. Additionally, he is extremely involved in the upcoming J/24 Green Bench Regatta which is scheduled for April 1-2 at St. Petersburg Yacht Club. In Todd's free time from sailing, he enjoys mountain biking

and is an active triathlete. Welcome Todd to the US J/24 Class Board of Governors.

4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 311 members so far in 2017 (501 budgeted, last March meeting we were at 326). Charitable contributions in this calendar year = \$960. The biggest receipt of charitable contributions is at the end of each year.
5. **2017 Championship Updates** –
 - 2017 US National Championship @ Corinthian Yacht Club, Seattle, WA, May 19-21: John said that they continue to pair up charter boats. Nine boats are registered, but they expect many more. Sign up!
 - 2017 North American Championship @ Houston Yacht Club, Houston, Texas, May 26-28: Chip reported on Tonja's behalf that 31 boats are currently registered, and they are hoping for 35+. Lodging is still available...contact Tonja for more information.
 - 2017 World Championship @ Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, September 15-23, 2017: 2017 Worlds qualifiers are at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>. The early registration brought in 51 names, which is extremely positive for being so far out. The Class Office has reached out to all qualified individuals, and currently all entrants are intending to attend. The goal is 70-80 boats total. Chris H. has been working with the Organizing Authority on measurement procedures, etc.

The Great Lakes Championship is being organized in Chicago.

6. **Boat Grant Program** – Check out the website: <http://j24usa.com/boat-grant-program/> in honor of Kelly Holmes-Moon. Molly distributed information to all Governors to be shared with Fleet Captains, and the Class Office has pushed out this news via the USJCA website, Facebook, e-blast and a press release. Spread the word! The deadline is April 15, but it may be extended. The goal is for the team to take control of the boat by June 1. Event organizers are asked to waive regatta entry fees for the team. The applicant would need to be 21 years old and the crew of 4-5 needs to be at least 18 years old (this is for insurance and transit purposes). The Texas fleet hopes to extend the program and have a second boat in their area. They will also be hosting a fundraiser for the USJCA programs.
7. **Technical Report** – Bob attended the Midwinters in Melbourne. The new optional and required equipment form is in use, omitting the reserve fuel requirement. Boats that get measured away from major regattas are generally new to the Class. If you know of these new boats, point them to the IJCA website and the Class Office for transfer of ownership and general measurement guidance. The optional headstay toggle was a non-issue at the Midwinters. He looks forward to seeing west coast boats at the Nationals.

The IJCA new Rules are posted and in effect as of March 1, 2017. Most of the changes were minor and involved housekeeping issues. Also note:

- The 2mm radius between the transom and the hull was missed in the original Rules conversion to WS format. It has been reinstated.
- When we allowed the turnbuckle on the forestay, the intention was to make it easier to reach maximum forestay length. We now have added the limitation that the forestay length shall not be adjusted at any time for the duration of an event. This means any event, whether a multiday regatta or a single race. Once you leave the dock for the first race of the event, or once the forestay has been measured and sealed before the event, the forestay must remain the same length. No changes on the way out to the race or between races or even day to day at a regatta.
- Crew Position – RRS 49.2 shall apply to all crew except the headsail trimmer. This change allows the headsail trimmer to turn while sitting on the rail to adjust the headsail trim. Turning to do so would put him/her in violation of the hiking rule 49.2 because the one hip would likely be outside the sheerplan.

8. **Old Business** – Molly asked the Governors to consider places that will be great venues for our

Championships. We can help you put a proposal together.

Dan thanked all Governors who have helped update our contact list. If you haven't done so, please reply to Dan.

9. **New Business –**

21 - Deke Klatt: Deke is a new Governor in District 21. Western Regionals are coming up this year, likely at the end of August.

19 – John Mason: Nationals are in May in Seattle. Their Districts are the first weekend in September in Sand Point, ID.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: Their three main fleets are Minnetonka, Duluth (hosting District Championship) and Chicago (hosting Great Lakes Championship).

12 – Marcus Rogers: A boat that went to Midwinters started a 'travel bug.' A couple boats are going to the Easter Regatta and another to North Americans. In another few weeks, boats will go in the water.

10 – Dave Noble: Midwinters got the locals excited, and the fleet is growing (including two new boats since the event). District 8 is hosting Southeast Regionals at the Easter Regatta. Travel is encouraged! This will conclude the Peter Bream Winter Series. Linda Tillman recently passed away. Dave attended the "Celebration of Life for Linda Tillman," who was the originator of the magazine. She, along with Dick Tillman, were instrumental in supporting the Johnstones in building the success of this Class around the globe.

7 – Russell Cook: Everyone is looking forward to warmer weather. Oswego YC is hosting the National Hospice Championship.

4 – Chris Stone: He is happy to have Dan Busch on the Board to get the locals out competing more. He has noticed e-mail traffic so is hopeful.

3 – Aidan Glackin: Sayville is preparing a proposal to host 2020 North Americans.

2 – Craig Correia: Marion's schedule is consistent. Fleet 50 has a new fleet captain, which will be posted soon as well as their major events.

1 – Charlotte Kinkade: She will be communicating new fleet captains for posting, which should bring new life in the area. She has received positive feedback on the new USJCA website.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--Governors will spread the word about the boat grant program.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. EDT