

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 9/15/2014

Start: 7:07 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Will Welles X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Chip Till X
10 – Robby Brown
12 – Skip Dieball
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon X
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Vacant
22 – James Foster
Jeff Johnstone
Bob Kinsman X
Lambert Lai X
Brian Malone for Kat Malone X

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
3. President's Report
4. Office/Financial Report
5. Upcoming Regatta Reports/RFP Update
6. District Governor Brief Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Technical Report/Rules
10. Annual Meeting
11. Adjournment

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Jasper Van Vliet made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Russ Cook. No discussion ensued, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*
3. **President's Report** – Lambert looks forward to hearing from the Governors on this call.
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA currently has 521 members. He distributed a Profit & Loss report and Balance Sheet via e-mail. The Annual Budget will be distributed for our Annual Meeting in December. Russ noted that the budget numbers are very similar to last year. Chris H. added that the wall calendar is currently being laid out, which will bring both income and expense.
5. **Upcoming Regatta Reports/RFP Update** –
Worlds: Will said that the Worlds are here! People and boats are rolling into Newport. The onshore and on-water events should be great for all. Bob has many volunteers to help measurement run smoothly. He started pre-measuring a few local boats/charters last weekend. He is in good shape with scales and templates.
RFP: Chris H. stated that we have received bids from Davis Island Yacht Club and St. Pete Yacht Club for Midwinters + Sayville Yacht Club for Nationals. These will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. If anyone is aware of other potential bids, please let Chris H. know.
6. **District Governor Brief Reports** –
1 – Molly White: Portsmouth, NH Fleet has 15 boats registered and 10-12 showing up on

Thursday nights. They have two new boats this year but lost two (one to travel). They host out of Kittery Point Yacht Club with a regular PRO. They also host post-race festivities. Falmouth, ME fleet has 15 registered and 12-13 on the line Wednesdays. They have run a few crew building clinics, one on bow and a North clinic. There is one new boat this year. The Downeast Regatta saw 30 boats. They worked hard to make it environmentally friendly and will do even more next year. They are excited to host North Americans next September. Both ME and NH do one design nights. Vermont Fleet has 13 boats with 8-9 for PHRF racing. They are excited to host D1 September 19-20, 2015 and make it part of a circuit with NAs and Colors.

Marblehead is down to 4-6 boats for PHRF sailing only and had 12 boats show up for D1s this past June. Hoping new members to the fleet will spark interest. No word from Scituate. Molly also spoke about the 2015 North Americans: Chevrolet is the title sponsor, and 13 boats are already registered. The regatta follows the Downeast Regatta, and housing will be available. The club is excited. They are looking at PROs.

2 – Will Welles: District 2 is predominantly Fleet 16 in Marion (15 boats, just hosted 46 boats at Nationals) and Fleet 50 in Newport (21 boats). In Newport, they are losing about two boats per year, even though the fleet is trying to bring in more fun races and social activities. They move the Fleet Captains through a three-year rotation, which keeps fresh ideas coming. The smaller fleets are racing PHRF, with about 4-6 boats per fleet. Lambert asked Kat to send along the “Learn to Sail” information.

3 – Aidan Glackin: They host their Districts at Sayville, which has been very successful. They are growing by a boat or two a year, and very excited about their Nationals bid. He supports this bid and feels confident in the job they will do. They’ll bring in a crane if needed, and will have fun social events.

7 – Russell Cook: One of their best clubs in the District which hosts a major regatta in late September has limited participants to 1/3 less than previously. He asked that we prevent host clubs from gouging entrants at events. He encouraged everyone to talk to our members in a more personal way, and not rely solely on e-mail.

8 – Chip Till: They completed 3 of 4 events in their District traveling series. They have a few new/younger owners, but also several boats for sale. The active fleets are Columbia, Atlanta and Charleston. Alex Bolan will be taking over as the Governor in 2015.

10 – Brian Malone for Robby Brown: The summer is quiet there but they have their Regionals coming up and they are working on plans for the 2015 Midwinters.

12 – Skip Dieball: The following report was submitted via e-mail - The District 12 Championship will be at North Cape on October 4-5. There was interest from Indianapolis to host, but they had trouble with hoists and dates. Tried to incorporate into an existing event like Port Clinton Snow Flurries and/or PIB Fall Bay, but due to limited response, we are doing a standalone event at North Cape. Might consider contracting this district with another, as there is really very little participation and nothing in the foreseeable future.

14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon: Texas Circuit is strong. They are piggy-backing regattas, for example with J Fest and Hood Regatta. They sail one-design and show the other fleets how much fun they are having. Eleven active boats are in North Texas, quite an improvement. They have a good system of splitting preparation duties for regattas, so no one person is overwhelmed.

18 – Todd Warnygora: The following report was submitted via e-mail - Overall fleets are the same with Denver (159) and Dillon (46) the most active. District is recovering from the Nationals in 2012 a bit where we had 20+ boats from Colorado that raced lots throughout the year. New fleet captain in Dillon is Steve Bergman. Districts was poorly attended, but the Dillon Open had seven entries. Overall numbers are a little down with OD classes: Etchells and J/22s. Newest boats are younger sailors refurbishing older boats from the area. Looking at ideas for putting together a stronger district championship in 2015. Maybe even move it down to Denver on Cherry Creek or make it a best of two regattas.

20 – Jasper Van Vliet: The District is mostly: Tahoe (4-5 boats), Stockton (about three boats now), San Francisco (resurging a bit). 2015 Nationals are in Berkeley in May. He echoed the theme of communicating with members on a personal level. They also have fun with their Crew

You regatta, where the crew drives. The members also enjoy combining teams for Copa Mexico every other spring. The general feeling on the Rules is very favorable toward the Rule Changes. They always have concerns about lowering the weight limit because of the conditions there.

7. **Old Business** – Lambert stated that the Class Office is perpetually seeking information/news from Districts/Fleets at director@j24class.org. For example, the activities/progress on boats in District 14 would make a great story.
8. **New Business** – N/A
9. **Technical Report/Rules** – Chris explained that a few European countries opposed the Rules changes all being incorporated in one document, so Tim Winger has broken out each change in separate documents (to be voted on individually). These will be posted on the IJCA Rules page this week. This is not anything different conceptually than was posted before, but it is now broken out in separate documents. Bob thinks there are some areas where we're moving in the right direction, but some other areas where language should be simplified. He's concerned that the language is more stringent than the builders are held to and that we should protect long-term boat ownership. His exact comments are on the IJCA Forum. The ISAF standards do need to be adopted. The World Council Meeting takes place in October in Germany. In advance of that meeting, the Governors will receive an e-mail with the complete slate of items to be voted on so that Will can accurately speak on behalf of the USJCA at the meeting. Regarding Worlds measurement, there are items that come up repeatedly, such as fairing the keel to minimum standards often leads to issues. Going all the way to the tolerances usually leads to future boat owner problems. Kelly asked that the Technical Committee prepare a simple document explaining what people can and cannot do to their boats. Russ asked about the boats pre-measured in Newport and whether they were also measured at Rochester Worlds. Bob saw the top boats pushing hard, reflecting hull/rudder/keel changes from the 2012 Worlds.
10. **Next Meeting** – Annual Meeting on Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. EST. The Governors may also meet onsite at Worlds.
11. **Adjournment** – *The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*

Action Items:

- Districts/Fleets will submit information/news to director@j24class.org.
- The Governors will receive an e-mail from the Class Office with the complete slate of items to be voted on at the World Council Meeting so that Will can accurately speak on behalf of the USJCA.

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