

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

Date: 12/11/2017

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:10 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Charlotte Kinkade X
2 – Craig Correia X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Russ Cook X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Todd Fedyszyn X
12 – Marcus Rogers X
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon X
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. World Council Meeting Report
5. Class Office Report
6. Financial Report
7. Technical Report
8. Regatta Reports & Future Planning
9. 2019 World Championship Qualifiers
10. Election of Officers
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. 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** – Chip thanked Will for compiling a vendor list, which is available on the USJCA website at <http://www.j24class.org/useful-links/>.
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – The minutes are posted at <http://www.j24class.org/organization/class-documents/wcm-minutes/>. Chip attended the meeting as USJCA President in October at Lake Garda in Italy. It was helpful to get plans underway for the measurement area onsite for the 2018 World Championship. The Italian Class is working on charter boat information. The passed Rules proposals do not affect the way we sail the boat.
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 440 members in 2017 (501 budgeted). 2018 membership invoices were just mailed, with a solicitation for calendars, boat grant contributions and general charitable contributions. The 2018 wall calendars are for sale.
6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. circulated the current Profit & Loss + proposed budget for 2018. Memberships were a little light, so it's especially important to confirm 2018 memberships at the local level when trying to qualify for Worlds. The USJCA purchased Directors and Officers Insurance upon starting the Boat Grant Program. Aidan asked about holding

members' credit card information, but Crisp said that there are many guidelines that make this risky. Chris H. said he has heard of a third-party company that holds encrypted credit card information, which we can pursue further. Based on information from the Class accountant, it's not advisable to offer multi-year discounted memberships. *Marcus Rogers made a motion to accept the P&L and budget as presented, seconded by Russ Cook. The motion passed unanimously.*

7. **Technical Report** – Bob heard from the Worlds that some people had to cut their traveler extensions, which seems to be a geographical problem. Chris H. will get a set of keel templates to Miami before the Midwinters. The Rules are stabilizing following the major re-write. Aidan said they have two sets of keel templates. Bob and Aidan will work offline to discuss the exact inventory. Chris H. said that J/Boats plans to assist in buying J/24 supplies in bulk, following the receivership of US Watercraft. Will vouched that he picked up an inexpensive mast earlier this year in the Carolinas. Russ wondered if Districts should use their funds to buy a spare mast to have on hand. District 7 has utilized local money to buy a scale and templates.

8. **Regatta Reports & Future Planning** –

-- 2018 Midwinter Championship @ Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, March 2-4: There is currently a limit of 35 boats (which has been met), a result of damage from Hurricane Irma. Tonja noted that the hope is to expand to 40, then 50, as docks are being rebuilt. The Regatta Park, which will be the staging area for the 2018 Worlds, is not yet complete but will be by next Fall. Chris recapped that we pushed Miami to host the Midwinters as a precursor to Worlds, despite their timeframe being the busiest of the year. Tonja will keep us apprised of updates, but go ahead and get on the wait list.

-- 2018 North American Championship @ Charleston Yacht Club, SC, May 2-6

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

-- 2018 US National Championship @ Portland Yacht Club, ME, September 7-9

-- 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester Yacht Club, NY, August 21-25

-- 2019 North American Championship @ Valle de Bravo, Mexico, dates TBA

-- 2019 World Championship @ Shake A Leg, Miami, Florida, October 19-26

-- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville Yacht Club, NY, May 27-31

-- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole UK, September 12-18

-- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27

-- 2021 North Americans will be in Canada

Molly said that the USJCA is always looking for a diverse group of good hosts...let us know!

9. **2019 World Championship Qualifiers** – The Executive Committee prepared the following list of 2018 USA qualifiers for the 2019 World Championship:

District Championship berths (15 of 16, no Hawaii) - 15

Regional Championship berths (5 of 5) - 5

Midwinter Championship (Miami, FL) - 2

North American Championship (Charleston, SC) - 4

US Nationals (Falmouth, Maine) - 3

All Women - 1

All Youth - 1

Boat Grant Program – 1

Total = 32

Breakdown:

District 1 Championship - North East 1

District 2 Championship - Rhode Island, South Mass, South New Hampshire 1

District 3 Championship - Connecticut and Long Island Sound 1

District 4 Championship – New Jersey, Parkway Series Site 1

District 6 Championship - Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania 1

District 7 Championship - Upper New York State 1

District 8 Championship - Southeastern United States 1
District 10 Championship - Florida 1
District 12 Championship - Indiana, Southern Michigan, Ohio 1
District 14 Championship - Texas and Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas 1
District 15 Championship - Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois etc... 1
District 18 Championship - Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming 1
District 19 Championship - Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana 1
District 20 Championship - Northern California 1
District 21 Championship - Southern California 1
District 22 Championship – Hawaii (Fuzz stated no boats are racing) 0
Northeast Regional Championship (the ECC in 2018) 1
Southeast Regional Championship 1
Great Lakes Regional Championship 1
Western Regional Championship 1
Southwest Regional Championship 1

Requirements to be a Worlds qualifier include:

- Driver USJCA Membership must be confirmed in good standing
- Boat must have a valid measurement certificate with fully completed Part C form
- Crew shall be weighed

Chip summarized that this is a more traditional format. The number of berths is based on the quantity of memberships purchased by the USJCA (10 berths x 3 since the Championship is in the USA + Womens + Youth). Tony said that District 6 was hoping to have additional berths to promote for the East Coast Championship on top of the event being the NE Regionals. The downside of having the District Championship be the East Coast Championship is that someone from outside the District could win. Tony asked that in the future the East Coast Championship have its own berth. Dan said it's always a challenge as to whether we put the emphasis at the District level or the major Championship level. The group affirmed the allocation as presented.

10. **Election of Officers** – The slate of Officers is a re-election of current Officers:

President Chip Till

Vice-President Molly White

Technical Chair Bob Kinsman

Finance Chair Kat Malone

Governor's Representative Dan Busch

Russ Cook made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Marcus Rogers. The slate passed unanimously.

11. **Old Business** – N/A

12. **New Business** –

1 – Charlotte Kinkade: Numbers are stable. 27 boats are registered for 2018 US Nationals so far, and there is a cap so sign up early.

3 – Aidan Glackin: Sayville is starting meetings for the 2020 North American Championship.

4 – Chris Stone: They are working on a not-for-profit program of J/24s on moorings.

7 – Russ Cook: Oswego YC has purchased a J/24 to promote youth sailing. The YC will host the Hospice National Championship in J/24s. District 7 will host the Great Lakes Championship in 2019. Promote our boat!

8 – Crisp McDonald: 41 boats are registered for the 2018 North American Championship so far. They are working to make the haul-out procedure efficient. The Race Committee and Jury are set. The 2018 Easter Regatta is the District Championship.

10 – Todd Fedyszyn: They are two events into the Florida Series. The 2018 series schedule will be posted soon. Come to Florida to sail this winter!

12 – Marcus Rogers: The Great Lakes Championship is in September in Sandusky, OH. The District is strong overall.

14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon: Eight TX boats are going to Midwinters. Six boats have expressed interest in the NAC and Nationals. 22 boats competed in this year's Texas Circuit, and they expect 26 in 2018.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: Tim is doing better! The Chicago fleet is struggling, but they hope to bring in new blood.

21 – Deke Klatt: Boats have changed hands, but stayed local. He said they have three area sailors who are very competitive, so keep that in mind if there are Worlds petitions since they have fewer places to qualify.

Molly added that Governors should help us promote the Boat Grant Program. Also, remember to e-mail your 2018 regatta details to the Class Office.

Kat and Will encouraged all to promote membership...we need to keep our numbers up.

13. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. ET

Merry Christmas to all!

Action Items:

--Tonja will keep us apprised of updates on entry availability at the 2018 Midwinters.

--Chris H. will get a set of keel templates to Miami before the Midwinters.

--Bob and Aidan will work offline to discuss the jigs present in their Districts.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. ET