

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/20/2018

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
3 – Aidan Glackin
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
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
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. 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.
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 everyone for joining.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 294 members so far in 2018 (501 budgeted). You can view members by fleet at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. The first boat grant donation was received in mid-December 2017, and we have now totaled \$1,960. 2018 wall calendar income to date is \$2,274.30.
5. **Championship Updates** – You can always keep up with Worlds qualifiers at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>. The recently held Midwinter Championship at Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL was a great event. The logistics were tight, but the facility worked out and the racing/weather was solid. Will said we should return there for the Midwinters soon and of course Worlds in 2019. Tony and Dan echoed the comments above. Dan would like to see the first beat longer to spread out the fleet for Worlds. Chris noted that the PRO for the Worlds will be an IRO, approved by the IJCA Executive Committee.
-- 2018 North American Championship @ Charleston Yacht Club, SC, May 2-6: Crisp said 49 boats are registered as of now. Come early and store your boats in advance of the event. The

city marina has agreed to give 50 spaces for trailers onsite. Hotel block information will be distributed shortly. Multiple social events are planned. The OA will streamline haul in/out. Drive your boat right in to the designated area. Crisp thanked Chip for his guidance. Mark Foster is the PRO, and Steve Wrigley is Chief Judge.

-- 2018 World Championship @ Fraglia Vela Riva del Garda, Italy, August 24-31: Most of the qualified US people are unable to attend this event so the Class Office will begin a petition process. The registration list is growing.

-- 2018 US National Championship @ Portland Yacht Club, ME, September 7-9: Molly said 41 of 50 spots are currently taken. There will be double point haul out on Sunday. Two evenings will feature food and entertainment.

-- 2019 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL: The dates will be confirmed in early April (likely to be February 28-March 3).

-- 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

6. **Boat Grant Program** – Molly said that the Boat Grant Committee received seven applications, which were narrowed down to three for interviews. The recipient of the second annual Boat Grant Program is Kira Munger of Oswego, NY. Chris H. & Julie will prepare a press release. If Kira is sailing at an event in your area, please waive her entry fee and assist with housing, etc. The other six applicants will be mentored to hopefully keep them involved in the Class. Chip thanked Molly and the Committee for their hard work on this initiative.
7. **Technical Report** – Bob will work with Aidan on identifying measurement tools. People seem more comfortable with the recent Class Rules updates (adjustable headstays, Pro Start, closed Rules, etc.). At Midwinters, all-up weight and sails were the focus of the inspections. If you come across an owner looking into a boat project, put them in touch with Bob or a local measurer.
Chris H. said there has been discussion at the international level about moving toward turns penalties (instead of scoring penalties). Stay tuned for more details...
8. **Old Business** – N/A
9. **New Business** –
 - 1 *Charlotte Kinkade*: Numbers are steady, with a net increase of 4 overall (all under 30 years old). The District Championship is June 2-3 in New Hampshire.
 - 4 *Chris Stone*: Their club is meeting soon to discuss a floating fleet, with donated boats. Hopefully it will come to fruition. He received feedback from Midwinters that it would be good to have shower facilities in Miami for Worlds. Their Parkway Series is the District Championship, where you must participate in two summer regattas. Chris S. is happy to help with housing.
 - 6 *Tony Parker*: Thursday night series starts in May with 20+ boats. The Annapolis NOOD is in early May. The NE Regional Championship is in concert with the East Coast Championship.
 - 7 *Russ Cook*: The District Championship is in early August, and they are also hosting the Hospice Championship in donated J/24s. Local racing starts in May.
 - 8 *Crisp McDonald*: Easter Regatta is the District Championship. They just wrapped up their Chili Series, which was like an intro to regional regattas for several newer crews.
 - 10 *Todd Fedyszyn*: It was a busy winter in Florida. The FL Series starts back up in about a month and a half. The goal is to get more people on the road to have 20+ boats at the events. The more seasoned sailors are asked to assist others in rigging/de-rigging boats for travel. Southeast Regionals are in St. Pete in November, ahead of Kings Day/District Championship

in Jacksonville.

12 Marcus Rogers: Websites are live for the Great Lakes Championship and the District Championship. Numbers are looking good as sailing will get under way in a couple months.

14 Tonja Holmes-Moon (via e-mail): Seven Texas boats competed in the 2018 Midwinters. My apologies for having to cancel my participation at this event. The Texas Circuit begins this weekend with its first circuit stop in Corpus Christi Yacht Club. Unfortunately, the first stop is not as strong as I anticipated with only nine boats registered as of today. I expect that number to increase over the next few circuit stops that will take place at the Fort Worth Boat Club in April, Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club in May and Austin Yacht Club in June. The remaining circuit stops will be in September, October and November. I am working with local Fleet Captains to get more participation on the road and expect to see at least 28 boats overall participating by the end of the year. The District 14 and 18 Southwest Championship will take place at Fort Worth Boat Club on April 20-22. For boats participating at this Circuit stop that want to leave their boats at DCYC for no charge in order to participate in the next circuit stop May 19-20, please contact me to make arrangements.

19 John Mason: Western Regionals are in North Flathead Lake in July, followed by the District Championship.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: Six regulars sail in San Francisco. A couple boats from Tahoe come in the winter. Two new ideas: District Championship will be postponed to include the Tahoe boats + J/24 one design racing clinics are each month (with a weekly scrimmage of a few boats).

21 Deke Klatt: The District Championship is a six-race road series. They are working on their own website, and they hope to replace inactive Fleet Captains.

Chris H. asked Governors to submit their District Championship event details/websites to director@j24class.org.

10. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. EDT (reverse order of District Reports)

Action Items:

--Chris H. will request petitions for the 2018 Worlds in Italy.

--Chris H. & Julie will prepare a boat grant press release.

--Governors will submit their event details/websites to director@j24class.org.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. EDT