

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/5/2018

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Charlotte Kinkade
2 – Carson Turowski for Craig Correia X
3 – Aidan Glackin
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Tony Parker
7 – Russ Cook X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Todd Fedyszyn
12 – Marcus Rogers X
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon X
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 X
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Kat Malone
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.
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 deferred his comments to later points in the agenda.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 365 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 \$2,185.
5. **Championship Updates** –
You can always keep up with Worlds qualifiers at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>.
 - 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 there are 51 entries (full) with 8 boats on the waiting list. You can add your name to the waiting list, as there is usually some drop-off. The boat grant team is entered.
 - 2019 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL, February 28-March 3
 - 2019 North American Championship @ Valle de Bravo, Mexico, April 1-5
 - 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester Yacht Club, NY, August 21-25

- 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, 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 (dates TBA)

Molly reminded Districts that we need 2021 Nationals proposals and 2022 North Americans proposals. It would be great to go south/west. Tonja noted that Dallas will submit a proposal.

Chip said that last month's North Americans in Charleston was successful with teams from Canada, Peru, Argentina, Mexico and all over the USA. Mark Foster was an excellent PRO, and he will be the PRO for 2019 Worlds in Miami. The International Jury was also excellent. Conditions ranged from 5-25, sometimes in the same day. The yacht club was very happy with the outcome, and they hope to host again.

6. **Boat Grant Program** – Molly has been in touch with Kira Munger, and the boat is now north. She raced the Pennant Series and J Daze. The team will have to do some work on the boat and add logos, and they are looking for the various covers that didn't make it to New York (last recollection is that the covers were in Brendan's house...Molly will follow-up). Molly is working on a fundraiser during Nationals. Marcus encouraged all Districts to get their good candidates in early for the next cycle.
7. **Technical Report** – Chip said that the IJCA is moving away from the alternative penalties, and going toward a one/two-turn penalty system. The standard NOR and SI will be updated as such.

Bob was asked to follow-up regarding a past discussion on the boom tip weight.

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** –

1 Molly White: 10 boats were at the District 1 Championship last weekend. Erica Beck Spencer qualified for Worlds since Carter White and Aidan Glackin already did. Round the Rocks Regatta is coming up, which is great practice for maneuvers. Vermont is supporting Nationals. Marblehead has a new fleet captain who is working to rebuild.

2 Carson Turowski: 13 boats are registered in the Newport fleet, which has been a slow start (hoping for about 18). The District Championship is at the Newport Regatta in July. They are hoping to plan a fun fall finale event.

4 Dan Busch: Two regattas make up the District Championship (July 7-8 at Raritan YC and August 4-5 at Atlantic Highlands). Housing is provided...come on over!

7 Russ Cook: The second event of the Pennant Series was this past weekend in Oneida with 17 boats, following Canandaigua in May. Oswego picked up three boats. Excitement is high.

8 Crisp McDonald: North Americans was great, and helped people learn more about current. The fleet is growing in participation, but getting people to join the Class can be frustrating, as well as getting folks on the road. Let's make sure the Districts communicate about event information and opening registration!

12 Marcus Rogers: Districts are in August with 7 people signed up now. The Great Lakes Championship is in September, although registration is slow. Sign up to come to Sandusky, OH. The District started a Facebook page which has seen a lot of chatter. He'd encourage other Districts to do the same.

14 Tonja Holmes-Moon: Texas boats are continuing to travel. Three stops of the Circuit are complete, with 11-12 boats who have competed in all events. The Southwest Championship was in April. There was discussion when a boat destroyed a spinnaker and brought out another one. The fleet voted to allow two spinnakers with some restrictions. It's always a challenge to get people up to speed with the Rules. She has received positive feedback on the turns penalties change.

15 Tim Oelschlager: They only recently thawed in Minnesota. The Chicago marina is rebuilt.

19 John Mason: Western Regionals are July 5-9 on Flathead Lake in MT. Districts are in October in Seattle.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: Summer is hibernation time in San Francisco. The fleet is struggling but they are conducting academies and becoming more media savvy (including using Facebook Live). Districts are in November.

21 Deke Klatt: Three of six races are completed in the District Series (3 boats at all, 11 total). They struggle getting locals to join the Class. The fleet is small but communicates.

Chip thanked everyone for taking the time to join the call amid many other obligations. The Class remains strong worldwide.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--Molly will follow-up with Brendan regarding the boat covers.

--Bob will follow-up regarding a past discussion on the boom tip weight.

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