

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/10/2019

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Craig Correia
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Travis Odenbach X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Robby Brown
12 – Ryan Lashaway X
14 – John Parker X
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Deke Klatt X
22 – James Foster
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Kat Malone
Bob Kinsman X
Chip Till X
Jeff Johnstone

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 Update
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. A quorum is present.
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** – Molly thanked Marcus for communicating with District Governors via monthly e-mails. Molly said that June 15 is the deadline for all US qualified people to register for the 2019 Worlds, and there are only two people left to enter. Molly added that the USJCA and J/Boats are co-hosting the opening night of the 2019 Worlds, with a focus on Districts and Fleets. Find your favorite pictures for a slideshow; Chris H. will e-mail a Dropbox link. Each District is also asked to donate \$100 for the ceremony (send to the USJCA @ 1604 Ventana Dr., Ruskin, FL 33573). J/Boats will bring nostalgic posters. Molly requested any would-be Measurers to consider coming to Miami to train. Chris H. will prepare a solicitation for potential Measurers to train at 2019 Worlds. Molly noted that Measurers in some other countries get paid, and she wondered if USJCA Measurers could receive some compensation. Molly has just returned from the Lady Liberty Regatta with 12 all-female teams racing J/24s. She spread the word on the opportunities for women in the J/24 Class. Keep reminding people about what we offer!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 348 members so far in 2019 (501 budgeted). Please check memberships at your local events by viewing members at

<http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,641 in boat grant donations have been received in 2019 to date. \$2,751 has been raised thus far in 2019 charitable contributions. Recently, the USJCA launched its own Facebook page to focus on our own local, regional and national events. Be sure to follow this page, in addition to the long-standing IJCA Facebook page. The Kelly Holmes-Moon Boat Grant Program also launched its own J/24 Boat Grant Facebook page. Be sure to like it and invite others. You can also follow the J/24 Class on both Twitter (@J24Class) and Instagram (j24class). Chris H. would like to see each District designate a social media contact for the US Facebook page, which he can make a page Admin. E-mail director@j24class.org with this person's name.

5. **Championship Updates** –

- 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester YC, NY, August 21-25: Travis said Hank Stuart is PRO, and sponsors are secured. Lake Ontario is flooded now, but no issues are expected by August. Let Travis know if you have any questions.
- 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, Florida, October 19-26: Chris H. shared that the OA is having some challenges securing sponsorships. Measurement and storage will be at Regatta Park. Boats will be docked at Shake a Leg, and most social events will be there. Pre-Worlds is the weekend prior.
- 2020 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie and Melbourne YC, February 28-March 1: Robby's e-mail for winter sailing in Florida was distributed yesterday.
- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, May 27-31: Aidan noted a title sponsor is secured, and they have a good volunteer pool.
- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 12-18
- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27
- 2021 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 6-12
- 2021 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 24-29
- 2021 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada (dates TBA)
- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 17-23
- 2022 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY (dates TBA)
- 2022 North American Championship @ Sandusky Sailing Club, September 7-11

We are always looking for new and enthusiastic people to host our Championships!

6. **Boat Grant Update** – Marcus said Matt Miranda has stuck to his program, and has been active on the Boat Grant Facebook page. Chris Morgan repaired the deck. Aidan is Matt's mentor. Marcus pleaded with the Districts to identify more applicants around the USA.

7. **Technical Report** – Bob said the Newport fleet is getting more active. The technical side is stable.

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** –

1 Finn Hadlock: They had one and a half teams at the Lady Liberty Regatta. Fleet 43 has 10 boats racing, plus six more to launch. Fleet 139 has seven, and there are a few more in Vermont. Four boats will go to Miami Worlds. The District 1 Championship website is in the works.

3 Aidan Glackin: Four boats travelled to Oneida Lake, and a couple to Canandaigua. The evening series is starting in Sayville.

4 Chris Stone: Dan Busch went to Canandaigua, and both Chris S. and Dan are attending the Worlds. J/24s did well at last weekend's Keyport Regatta. A few boats that have been less active are stirring again. In Atlantic Highlands, the J/24s can race PHRF to raise interest in the Class.

6 Tony Parker: Nine J/24s were at the Annapolis NOOD. 15 boats are expected for Thursday night racing. Look for a different Bangor Packet skipper at the Nationals.

7 Travis Odenbach: Two regattas, Canandaigua (26 boats) and Oneida (17 boats), had good attendance. The one design regatta in Rochester is next up, with 20 boats expected, followed by Oswego on August 11-12. He's happy with the participation, and is a supporter of a Series to determine the District Championship.

8 Crisp McDonald: They've had a few events - Atlantic Cup, Easter Regatta (13 boats), Charleston Race Week (10 boats). There is a rumor that the Easter Regatta may be discontinued. 10 boats race regularly, but the people tend to move to other boats for the larger local regattas. Southeast Regionals overlaps with the Florida State Championship, but only Charleston Yacht Club could host in conjunction with an annual regatta. A local all-female team holds the Women's berth for the Worlds.

12 Ryan Lashaway: Cleveland Race Week is this weekend with 10 boats, including college teams from Toledo and Ohio State. Ryan has purchased another J/24, which has allowed the college teams to come to Edgewater. He's focusing on recruiting more.

14 John Parker: Two crews went to the NAC in Mexico. Three to four boats are attending both the Nationals and Worlds. The first Circuit stop had 17 boats in Austin, the second at Fort Worth Boat Club had 13, but the Dallas Corinthian YC event was postponed. The next event is in Corpus Christi this weekend. John is talking to all Fleets and working on a vision for the District to increase participation. He's reaching out to different yacht clubs to expand geographically. A goal is also to get older boats back in service and into the hands of new buyers.

19 John Mason: Seattle is off to a good start. The District Championship is in Idaho on Labor Day weekend, and the Western Regionals are in Seattle in October.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: Two teams went to the NAC in Mexico, where everyone loved it! The District is averaging six boats. Good boats are for sale, so Jasper is hoping to turn crew into owners.

21 Deke Klatt: It's been hard to get people to travel. The new Fleet 183 is based out of Phoenix, with several boats part of a sailing school.

Finn said he is sometimes asked about the benefits of membership, especially for those who only club race. Aidan and Chris H. said that the Rules require helmspersons to be members, as this is a one-design Class. Chris H. explained that it is the Class Association that keeps the J/24 a J/24, and protects the value of your boat. It's the Class Association that allows everyone to race one-design, even on a weeknight local race.

10. Next Meeting – Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--Chris H. will e-mail a Dropbox link for photos.

--Chris H. will prepare a solicitation for potential Measurers to train at 2019 Worlds.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. EDT