

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

**Date:** 9/16/2019

**Start:** 7:05 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 7:50 p.m. EDT

**Present (X):**

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

**Agenda:**

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Online US Class Store
5. District Donations for Opening Ceremony
6. Class Office Report
7. Championship Updates
8. Boat Grant Update
9. Technical Report
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Annual Meeting

**Description:**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum is present. Welcome new District 12 Governor Drew Blackburn!
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 everyone for their hard work as volunteers! She attended the Canadian Nationals, and they struggle to get numbers there. The USJCA has a strong infrastructure. All US berths will be utilized at the upcoming World Championship. We recently had someone withdraw due to health reasons, but the spot was immediately filled via the petition list. It was great to see the Boat Grant team at the Downeast Regatta recently, and Tonja Holmes-Moon will be donating gear to them for Worlds. Molly is working with the Burlington, VT group in planning the 2020 Nationals, following their hosting of the Northeast Regionals last weekend.
4. **Online US Class Store** – Molly summarized an idea where YouRegatta creates an online store that can be linked to the US Class webpage. This page would look exactly like the J/24 Class site. Customers could purchase customized US-logoed gear with their boat name and sail number on it. The store would be run through YouRegatta (they take orders and fill them, receive payment and ship the items). The USJCA gets 100% of the mark-up and will be issued a check and statement quarterly. YouRegatta will donate set-up and admin of the online store

to help promote the J/24 Class. Those on the call voiced support for this initiative. Molly's proposal will be distributed with these meeting minutes for future determination.

5. **District Donations for Opening Ceremony** – Molly recapped that the USJCA and J/Boats are co-sponsoring the Opening Ceremony for the 2019 Miami Worlds (food/beverages/band). Districts have been asked to submit \$100 each to the Class Office. Keg sponsorship donations of \$100 have been requested of members, who will also be included in a photo slideshow. Get your pictures loaded into:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gf6g5864trdmwis/AAAffngWaBLJfuWtAslfc5ja?dl=0>. To date, \$900 total has been received at the Class Office (\$400 for opening night / \$500 for kegs). More is on the way from New England Ropes and Districts 8 and 10. The USJCA has agreed to match J/Boats' \$2,500 donation. Chris H. noted that Miami poses unique financial responsibilities for the OA since they don't have the typical yacht club infrastructure (rental fee of Regatta Park, etc.).
  6. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 398 members so far in 2019 (501 purchased, 440 budgeted). Please check memberships at your local events by viewing members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,971 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2019 to date. \$2,776 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2019 charitable contributions.
  7. **Championship Updates** –  
The US National Championship was hosted last month by Rochester YC. Molly said the conditions were challenging, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Dan thought the measurement process should include documenting of the sail royalty tag #s, and there was only a cursory pre-inspection.
    - 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, Florida, October 19-26: There will be more than a cursory inspection process. Mark Foster is the PRO, and the Coral Reef YC on-water equipment will be used. The fundraising continues.
    - 2020 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie and Melbourne YC, February 28-March 1: Robby said boat launching is a financial and logistical struggle, so please be patient. Boats will launch at Melbourne via portable crane, which will be a bit crowded plus it's about 3 miles from the racecourse. Dave Noble is the Regatta Chair. Look for the Notice of Race and details soon on boat storage options following the Worlds. Whether you want to go to Kings Day in Jacksonville or the St. Pete NOOD, just reach out to Robby on logistics.
    - 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, May 27-31: Aidan said a title sponsor is in place, among others. A hotel block, PRO and Judges are secured.
    - 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 12-18
    - 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27: Finn said a website is pending. Forty entry spots will be available.
    - 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 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 18-22
    - 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 17-23
    - 2022 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, September 7-11
- Tony Parker asked Chris H. to remind everyone about the upcoming East Coast Championship on October 4-6. Details and registration at <http://j24eastcoastchampionship.com/>.
8. **Boat Grant Update** – Marcus said Matt Miranda has been a great recipient. Matt will not attend 2020 Midwinters, so we will start the next application process next month.

9. **Technical Report** – Curt Barnes will be attending the Worlds as a measurer and also the World Sailing IM Seminar in October, so we will perhaps bring him into the US Technical Chair role as of the Annual Meeting. Chris added that the IJCA is not presenting any Rules proposals this year. The World Council Meeting will be partly phone conference (October 9) and partly onsite at Worlds (October 27). Tim Winger will be the Event Measurer for the 2019 and 2020 World Championships.

10. **Old Business** – Measurers will be training at the 2019 World Championship in Miami.

Add your local pictures into this file for Worlds:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gf6g5864trdmwis/AAAffngWaBLJfuWtAslsfC5ja?dl=0>

11. **New Business** – N/A

12. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. EST

**Action Items:**

--Governors, etc. will add pictures into this file for Worlds:

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**Next Meeting:** Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. EST