

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/9/2020

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:55 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Hillary Noble
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Mike Stasko
8 – Crisp McDonald
10 – Robby Brown
12 – Drew Blackburn
14 – John Parker X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Deke Klatt
22 – James Foster
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Kat Malone
Curt Barnes 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. 2020 Worlds Berths
7. Boat Grant Update
8. Technical Report
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. 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** – Molly thanked everyone for their service and joining the call. Congratulations to Tony Parker for winning the Midwinters! Let's work together on great hosts for the 2023 Nationals and North Americans, hopefully heading more central/western USA. Jasper will check with the San Francisco area to see if that is a possibility. Tim will do the same with Minnesota. Molly reiterated that we need to enforce the Class membership Rule at our local/regional events. Make sure to introduce new/potential members to our Officers so we can always have fresh blood in our Fleets/Districts. Chip thinks our Boat Grant recipients are solid candidates for future Class positions too.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 277 members so far in 2020 (450 purchased). Please check memberships at your local events by viewing members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,030 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2020 to date. \$1,600 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2020 charitable contributions. Thank you Tony Parker for his \$1,000 donation! 2020 wall calendar income is \$1,881.75. North Sails has been our long-time calendar sponsor (\$500), however they have advised us that they are reconsidering the sponsorship going forward. The cost to print was \$1,737.20 (plus shipping ranges from \$2-7 depending on quantity per envelope).

5. **Championship Updates** – Today, the IJCA announced the cancellation of the 2020 European Championship in Italy, originally scheduled May 1-5, due to the Coronavirus.

Dan recapped that the Midwinters recently concluded in Melbourne. Thanks to Dave Noble for his efforts to the benefit of all competitors. Corinthian trophies were awarded. It was nice to see an all-female team from Tampa, and three female drivers overall. Matt Miranda was exceptionally helpful handing off the boat grant boat from himself to Erica.

-- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, May 27-31: 37 boats are registered. All site logistics are planned on/offshore. Basin slips will be assigned. Trophies will be awarded, including a Corinthian division. Aidan encouraged everyone to register their crews as Associate Class members.

-- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 12-18: The OA is monitoring the Coronavirus.

-- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27: Molly said 14 boats are registered. VT Sailing Partners is their title sponsor. Judges are secured, and merchandise will be available. Custom wood trophies will be presented.

-- 2021 Midwinter Championship @ Shake a Leg Miami, FL, February 26-28

-- 2021 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 6-12: Tony just completed a regatta there, flying into Mendoza, then driving 40 km into the Andes to the dammed lake. The hotel had tight quarters. 19 boats competed at the February regatta. The facilities for the Worlds are meant to be moved to the hotel area. The wind comes in at 12-22 knots daily (shifty), and the racing area is pushed into the center due to the width of the lake. He chartered a good boat, but the mast was older. He'd recommend bringing as much of your own equipment as possible. The hospitality will be top notch, and they have good sponsorship. As the event is so early in 2021, we'll need to stay on top of our qualified individuals so we can fill available berths.

-- 2021 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 24-29

-- 2021 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada (dates TBA, likely July)

-- 2022 Midwinter Championship: Tampa, FL, details TBD

-- 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 invited everyone to the Annapolis NOOD. Contact him for housing needs.

Aidan invited everyone to the Northeast Regionals July 11-12 in New Jersey.

6. **2020 Worlds Berths** – The list is available at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>. So far, only one qualified person has responded that they are attending in Poole (Travis Odenbach). The Class Office will include a request for petitions in this week's e-newsletter and online (USJCA website and USA Facebook page). The EC will then rank the petitioners, although it's expected to have several berths available.
7. **Boat Grant Update** – The US J/24 Class Association has awarded the fourth annual Kelly Holmes-Moon J/24 Boat Grant to Erica Trejo from Chicago, IL. Marcus reiterated how much Matt Miranda contributed to the boat at the Midwinters, on his own time/money. We had three applicants this year, so we hope to see more variety in the future. Although Erica didn't finish well at Midwinters, they worked hard in the conditions. Chris Morgan expressed concern about the quality of the boat, so Marcus would prefer to receive a better tax-deductible boat donation for 2021.
8. **Technical Report** – Curt said he and Tim Winger will be at the North Americans.

9. **Old Business** – N/A

10. **New Business** – Molly offered new ideas instead of the wall calendar, such as playing cards with all different J/24s per card. Perhaps new renewals would take priority. If we keep the calendar, she'd prefer to broaden the events represented in the calendar. Jasper recalled the Dr. Crash calendar. Chris said we need to decide whether we want to make money or provide a member service. Aidan suggested we sell a monthly sponsorship at a time, perhaps at \$100. Another idea is to provide crew (Class) members a free calendar. Molly, Dan and Aidan will draft a wall calendar sponsorship package. Chip wondered if we should raise the selling price, but folks thought to focus more on sponsorship.

District Reports:

1 – Finn Hadlock: The District Championship is the Marblehead NOOD in July.

3 – Aidan Glackin: Come to the NAC and Annapolis NOOD.

14 – John Parker: The Circuit continues with the Southwest Championship/District 14 Championship. There will also be a District 14 Circuit with lesser travel.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: The Great Lakes are in Chicago. They are thinking about a proposal for the 2023 Nationals or North Americans.

20 – Jasper Van Vliet: His wife bought a boat, so they are growing 😊

Molly recommends the Lady Liberty Regatta for our female racers.

11. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

- The Class Office will publish a request for 2020 Worlds petitions.
- Molly, Dan and Aidan will draft a wall calendar sponsorship package.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. EDT