

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/15/2020

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Hillary Noble X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Tony Parker
7 – Mike Stasko X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Robby Brown X
12 – Drew Blackburn
14 – John Parker X
15 – Cory Huseby X
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 X
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/Budget Report
5. Championship Updates/COVID19 Impacts
6. Worlds Berths Updates
7. Boat Grant Update
8. Technical Report
9. District COVID-19 Updates
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. 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 is happy to see some sailing has started. It's been quiet until now, and travel will continue to be so. On the plus side, it will be nice to see a focus on local fleets. This is a true opportunity. Let's also stay active online to keep members engaged. Dan suggested a weekly Rules question, but maybe we will postpone this until the off season as people are getting more active now. Keep your Districts/Fleets up to date, as everything is changing rapidly. In Molly's area, they have both fully crewed and shorthanded divisions with government marks.
4. **Class Office / Budget Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 323 members so far in 2020 (450 purchased). You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,140 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2020 to date. \$1,850 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2020 charitable contributions. Chris projected a budget shortfall for 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We are holding down expenses, so hopefully people will get sailing and join/renew with the Class. Molly encouraged Districts to

require Class memberships to stay knowledgeable about the Class.

5. Championship Updates / COVID-19 Impacts –

- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27: COVID progress is moving slowly in Vermont, but we are hopeful.
- 2021 Midwinter Championship @ Shake a Leg Miami, FL, February 26-28
- 2021 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 24-29: Nationals may shift one year, depending on 2020 Nationals status.
- 2021 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, dates TBD
- 2021 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 24-October 2: US petitions will be considered.
- 2022 Midwinter Championship: Tampa, FL, details TBD
- 2022 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 12-19: US petitions will be considered.
- 2022 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 18-22
- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, dates TBA
- 2023 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 16-23
- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, dates TBA

Aidan asked about 2020 Northeast Regionals as a qualifier for Argentina, but the goal is to make 2021 events the qualifiers for 2022 Argentina Worlds. US petitions will be considered.

Curt noted that JDaze is being held this coming weekend.

Crisp said Southeast Regionals is upcoming in Charleston July 18-19.

Hillary stated only six boats are planned to sail in Rhode Island this year due to RI COVID restrictions. Hopefully the status will improve by July.

All Governors are asked to forward their updated event details to director@j24class.org for distribution. We need to know/share these ever-changing updates.

6. Worlds Berths Update – The IJCA Executive Committee (EC) has put together the following guidance to NJCAs in regard to World qualifying berths for the 2021 J/24 World Championship. In general, the EC believes we should recognize all those drivers who qualified for 2020 Worlds in 2019 and provide them the opportunity to enter the 2021 Worlds. For the 2021 J/24 World Championship, each NJCA shall have the number of World qualifying berths they were previously entitled to for the 2020 World Championship. For the 2021 J/24 World Championship only, the U-25 Worlds berth specification regarding age restriction is changed to read:

RR18.1 One under-25 years crew as selected and nominated by their NJCA will be eligible to enter the World Championship and compete for the Under-25 Turner Trophy. All crew members shall be under 26 years of age on the first day of championship racing.

NJCAs are encouraged to support their 2019 qualifiers and invite them to enter the 2021 World Championship. The final decision on how each NJCA's available berths are distributed rests solely with the NJCA. Parkstone YC can accommodate a maximum of 60 entries in the World Championship. The NOR has the specific entry process (registration and fees). The first 60 drivers (boats) that complete the entry process will have a berth at Worlds. It is "first come, first serve" based on what each NJCA reports as their qualification list. After the 60 berths are filled, the OA will run a waiting list.

- 7. Boat Grant Update** – Due to COVID-19 impacts, the Boat Grant Committee decided that current recipient Erica Trejo from Chicago, IL will keep the boat through 2021. She’s been posting on Facebook but unfortunately there hasn’t been much action. Erica hopes to attend the Marblehead NOOD next month.
- 8. Technical Report** – Curt summarized that in the last IJCA Class newsletter, Tim Winger asked for input on changes to measurement and inspection to reduce the expensive and burdensome inspection process at *International events*. Goals are to reduce inspection time for the competitors and to reduce inspection cost for the Organizing Authority (OA). To that end, the Technical Committee offered suggestions in two areas:
- In House Certification (IHC) for sails
 - Time limits on Measurement Certificates (MC) – perhaps five years, assuming no major work done
- These initiatives are long-term goals.
- 9. District COVID-19 Updates** –
- 1 Finn Hadlock:* Three J/24s went cruising this past weekend, with more planned. (Thank you Finn for your newsletter contribution!) Double-handed sailing is also planned. E-mail your thoughts on the durability of the J/24 Class to Finn.
- 2 Hillary Noble:* Thursday will be the first sailing night. It’s been challenging to sort racing/launching details out with the local yacht clubs during these unusual times of state restrictions. Remember there are a lot of things we CAN do. We can cruise, families can sail, etc. Stay positive and communicate, as they did in the Newport owners call last week.
- 3 Aidan Glackin:* Attendance will be boosted by more communication.
- 4 Chris Stone:* His club is conducting pursuit starts. Chris hopes to participate in the District 7 Pennant Series. He still sees good interest overall. Dan added that their owners have been racing Lasers to keep on the water.
- 6 Tony Parker:* Tony was unable to attend the meeting but shared via e-mail something that worked for his local Fleet. He had nine slightly used sails that he donated. The Fleet had an auction and raised \$3,200 for the Fleet.
- 7 Mike Stasko:* Some of the clubs are state-owned so events have been moving around. His Fleet has started racing, with their own Race Committee. Onshore, they are following social distancing guidelines throughout the process (including with rafting) and sought approval of local officials with safety procedures. Excitement is high for JDaze. Their District 7 Pennant Series is moving forward with maybe one change and even additions.
- 8 Crisp McDonald:* There aren’t strong restrictions, so the local race organization has held pursuit starts including J/24s. Charleston Race Week was cancelled. The J/24s are being invited to more events this year. The “beer can” series has been ongoing for about a month, so attendance is promising.
- 10 Robby Brown:* Last weekend, there was a DIYC regatta fully crewed but without social activities. It was competitive in nice conditions. Miami is up next in terms of District regattas, although we await official approval that racing can proceed. There is much interest in going sailing. Kat added that DIYC is operating under contact tracing guidelines.
- 14 John Parker:* The first three Circuit stops did not occur, however they are planned to re-start in September. Dallas and Houston are sailing, and just now in Austin. They hold monthly meetings to keep in contact.
- 15 Cory Huseby:* Restrictions only allow sailing within the household. Yacht clubs are closed except for dockage/moorings. It’s challenging to understand the legal options to race going forward. Hopefully they can race by mid-July. The Great Lakes Championship is still planned.
- 19 John Mason:* Only the Idaho Fleet is racing. Oregon will be shut down even longer than Seattle. They are practicing only for at least another few weeks.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: During shutdown, people are focusing on boat repair and staying connected virtually. There has been unofficial sailing within family units. Richmond Yacht Club has started racing within household. Friendship support has grown online. Hopefully there will be a winter season.

21 Deke Klatt: One event has been cancelled, and others moved. Their Google e-mail group has been helpful for communication. He focuses on regular updates.

10. Old Business – Molly and Aidan have discussed 2021 wall calendars ideas. Their suggestion is that members of the Class buy a month @ \$200 each, meaning you chose your photo(s)/advertising and events listed in that month. Days can be sold at \$5-10 per “square.” + the cover @ \$100. You must be a member to purchase, and photos must be of a certain quality. The goal is to sell by November 1, so we will need to have photos much earlier. Details to come.

11. New Business – N/A

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--Molly and Aidan will prepare specific details for wall calendar sponsorships.

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