

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/8/2020

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X

1 – Finn Hadlock

2 – Hillary Noble X

3 – Aidan Glackin X

4 – Chris Stone X

6 – Tony Parker X

7 – Mike Stasko

8 – Crisp McDonald X

10 – Robby Brown X

12 – Drew Blackburn X

14 – John Parker X

15 – Cory Huseby X

18 – Todd Warnygora X

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 X

Curt Barnes

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. District COVID-19 Updates
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Officers / Annual 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 people starting to host events amid COVID restrictions. Kat shared three-tiered guidelines with the Governors:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kelQuYBBnJMkq1JGq1kW16_ORkkuIp5LHqnL06QnIZA/edit?usp=sharing. Let's keep sailing!
Under the new sponsorship wall calendar plan, all months have been reserved and the Class Office is working with each person to collect funds and photos. All 2020 members will receive a calendar with their dues invoice which will hopefully help as a member benefit. Everyone keep up the great work.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 350 members so far in 2020 (450 purchased). You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. Let's push crew membership. Marcus has previously shared the story from Worlds of the Japanese crew members excited to show their membership cards.

5. **Championship Updates** –

- 2021 Midwinter Championship @ Shake a Leg Miami, FL, February 26-28
- 2021 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, June 16-20
- 2021 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 10-12
- 2021 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 24-October 2: 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.

- 2022 Midwinter Championship: Tampa, FL, details TBD
- 2022 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 12-19
- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28
- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, dates TBA
- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21
- 2023 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 16-23
- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, dates TBA

6. 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. Erica placed fourth at the Verve Inshore Regatta in Chicago last month, among other events and practicing. Mark Soya has been an excellent mentor. The team is heading to Lake George and the East Coast Championship this fall. Be sure to follow the Boat Grant page on Facebook.

7. Technical Report – Michael Peters of Germany will be the ITC Chair as of October's World Council Meeting. There are no Rules proposals in this cycle.

8. **District COVID-19 Updates** –

1 Molly White: The District 1 Championship was cancelled. Some boats are sailing in New Hampshire but mostly PHRF. Maine has had double-handed events + Wednesday fully-crewed boats. Next year, they should have 18-20 boats out regularly. In 2021, they hope to move the Downeast Regatta to coincide with the Nationals in Vermont.

2 Hillary Noble: The season started slowly due to pandemic discomfort. They've gotten up to 10ish boats during the summer, and they are now in the fall series. They've even had some "adjusted" social events. 2021 looks to have 14 boats racing.

3 Aidan Glackin: Sayville started sailing in late June. Look for a great North Americans in 2021. On the north shore, people are beginning to get back to racing.

4 Chris Stone: There is a new boat in the fleet. The challenge is getting everyone joined up geographically.

6 Tony Parker: The East Coast Championship is October 16-18 in Annapolis, with an organized practice day on the Friday before the event.

8 Crisp McDonald: Charleston and Atlanta sailing has picked up, but not so in other fleets. Come to Charleston this winter to race. Chip thanked Crisp for their weekday racing logistics.

10 Robby Brown: The District rescheduled a fully-crewed regatta at DIYC. Everyone is excited to race. They did have a Mimi regatta cancelled in the “hot spot.” They expect a good turnout coming soon in Melbourne. Of course social events are non-existent but the sailing is great!

12 Drew Blackburn: The Great Lakes Championship was in Chicago, but otherwise it’s mostly club racing. Hopefully the intra-club rules will ease soon.

14 John Parker: They had 13 boats at last weekend’s regatta. The social aspect was light as expected. The next Circuit stop is on 9/19-20, followed by J/Fest Southwest in Lakewood. The Cowtown Stampede over Halloween weekend will close the reduced 2020 Circuit. Fleets in DFW are growing, up 3 to 9. Houston is also growing, but Austin is quiet. The J/22 Worlds are in Corpus Christi next year so some people are moving over but he expects they will return.

15 Cory Huseby: The Duluth fleet doesn’t have organized racing, only casual. Chicago had the Inshore Verve with eight boats. Wayzata has short-handed J/24 racing with three people, although the days per week are limited. Fleet 1 is having a J/Fest Midwest in October...details to come.

18 Todd Warnygora: Two fleets are sailing in Denver fully crewed and Dillon (six boats weekly each). They had a slow start due to an unfortunate drowning (not J/24). Their District Championship is this weekend so they are getting some sailing in.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: Not much racing in San Francisco, but they finally had a two-up distance race recently. More are planned. The yacht clubs are not comfortable with fully-crewed racing. The Tahoe boats hope to get back on the water and travelling. There is much enthusiasm going forward.

9. Old Business – N/A

10. New Business – Sorry for the Teams mix-up!

11. Officers / Annual Meeting – The 2020 Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. EST. Regarding Officers, Molly will be moving to Past President, and the other Officers move “up.” One new Officer will therefore be included in the slate. Contact Chip or Dan ASAP.

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. EST