

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

**Date:** 3/8/2021

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

**Adjourn:** 8:00 p.m. EST

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Finn Hadlock X  
2 – Hillary Noble  
3 – Joe Buonasera for Aidan Glackin X  
4 – Chris Stone X  
6 – Tony Parker X  
7 – Mike Stasko X  
8 – Crisp McDonald X  
10 – Robby Brown  
12 – Drew Blackburn X  
14 – John Parker  
15 – Cory Huseby X  
18 – Todd Warnygora X  
19 – John Mason X  
20 – Jasper Van Vliet  
21 – Deke Klatt X  
22 – James Foster  
Dan Busch X  
Marcus Rogers X  
Tonja Sanchez-Holmes  
Kat Malone X  
Curt Barnes X  
Molly White X  
Matt Miranda  
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** – Attendance 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 received a plaque at the Midwinters for her ongoing dedication to the Class. Thank you Molly! Al Constants is interested in being our new "Senior Rep" (or if not, his brother). Dan asked Districts to send your 2021 calendar entries and NORs to the Class Office for posting. We'd like to have a Corinthian Championship in 2022, maybe close in timing to the Midwinters. A member survey is planned...send your question ideas to Dan.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 212 members so far in 2021. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$740 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2021 to date. \$1,400 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2021 charitable contributions. Calendar sales income is \$1,286, in addition to the page sponsorship. Total expenses are about \$3,000. Overall, we are in the plus a little over \$1,000. The calendar has shifted to be a member benefit as all 2020 members received one.

## 5. **Championship Updates** –

-- Midwinter Championship recap: Twenty-nine boats competed in 10 races. Dan summarized that their COVID protocols were mostly easy, although the morning temperature checks were sometimes slow. Kudos to the local OA! The lunches and Bacardi give-away were well received.

-- 2021 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, June 16-20: Joe stated that the NOR is posted. Twelve boats are registered, plus another 10 locals are expected. New York State regulations are easing, including outdoor events of 200 people. We are waiting to hear from US Sailing if we can have non-appealable protests, which will guide how many Jury members we need onsite versus virtual. Curt is the Event Technical Chair. Joe is hoping for entry numbers in the 30s. They are fortunate to have strong sponsors and volunteers. Sue Reilly is PRO. The more social media posts, the better. Aidan measured six boats in October, with phase 2 in April.

-- 2021 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 10-12: Dan shared that they want to make a go/no-go decision by July 1, and we don't want to open registration until we know for sure. It is our hope that we can move up that cut-off date. A Plan B is being discussed.

-- 2021 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 24-October 2: Chris said that the RYA has released a plan to get people back on the water by early summer. Tony heard that they plan to make a decision by Easter, so we should know more soon.

-- 2022 Midwinter Championship, Tampa, FL, dates TBD: Kat will confirm dates this spring.

-- 2022 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 12-19: We will need to reach out to get a status report.

-- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28

-- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, dates TBD

-- 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, September 6-10: These dates conflict with the Downeast Regatta, but the club thinks these are the best dates for wind and local crowds. It's hard to avoid every conflict, but we can chat more.

6. **Boat Grant Update** – Erica Trejo participated at the Midwinters. She had some new crew, but they did alright. There are some concerns about the boat's upkeep, including the front stanchion. The boat is in Chicago, so she may charter for Charleston Race Week.

7. **Technical Report** – Curt is working with the Sayville OA on a safe inspection plan for the NAC, including all-up weight.

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** –

1 *Finn Hadlock*: Vermont expects to see more activity this summer. Fleet 43 should have a regular year. New Hampshire is hoping to get back on track. Look for details soon on the Downeast Regatta.

2 *Hillary Noble* submitted via e-mail: We're getting excited about the season here in RI. As of right now, we've got two new teams wanting to join the fleet this season. Looking for crews to help them out and fine tuning so they can be race ready. It's looking like our season will start May 21 (which is as early as it possibly could) which is great. Things are becoming easier here and sailing with normal numbers shouldn't be an issue this year. The fleet members are excited and ready to get back on the water. We have a zoom call beginning of April to hash out the usual details, but things are looking good for a smooth start come May. Our racers are

stoked to get back into the normal J/24 calendar too, with NAs, Nationals and other local events in their plans.

*4 Chris Stone:* There is a new boat in the fleet, and they are trying to gather boats in North Jersey. The Northeast Regionals will be discussed offline.

*6 Tony Parker:* The Annapolis NOOD is end of April, and registration is open. The CBYRA is doing a OD grant program, which will hopefully help out the Class. He is noticing high enthusiasm to sail.

*7 Mike Stasko:* J Daze is May 1-2, and the NOR is live. The club will be open (plus tent), and they project 20-30 boats. The District expects to have all five events this year, but one change in replacing Oswego. They hope to have a boat grant within the District, but still securing a donated boat.

*8 Crisp McDonald:* The Chili Series wrapped up after five weekends (of six due to weather). Easter Regatta is at the end of March, a two-day event. Ten boats are registered. The weekend after Easter is Charleston Race Week, with 17 J/24s. The Women on the Water purchased a J/24 and will be racing full time. Thank you to the Class for giving them a 2019 berth. The District also has a great junior team racing. The Fleet Championship is returning with three standalone regattas already in place. It is hoped to expand this in 2022.

*10 Kat Malone:* The FL State Series is planned, the J/24 Rodeo will be at DIYC, plus a July event likely in Miami, and SE Regionals at Kings Day.

*12 Drew Blackburn:* Five regattas are on their calendar. They hope to host the 2022 Great Lakes Championship in Sandusky in September, ahead of the 2023 NAC.

*15 Cory Huseby:* They are trying to get Madison up and going with a fleet, and possibly hold the District Championship there. In Duluth, there are three youth boats. Fleet 1 is hoping to start a boat grant boat, but dock space is a challenge. They are awaiting confirmation of dates for the Inshore Verve as the Great Lakes Championship.

*18 Todd Warnygora:* In Colorado, there are two active fleets in Denver (6 boats) and Lake Dillon (10+). They will sail a regular summer weekday/weekend series. The District Championship should be in September in Dillon.

*19 John Mason:* There are four active fleets with 45 active members. Everyone is excited to race. The Western Regionals will be in the Bay Area in October, and the District Championship in Seattle.

*21 Deke Klatt:* Racing starts in May in Santa Barbara, although unofficial racing has been taking place. A yacht club has purchased two new boats, so a new fleet is expected. San Diego is growing. It would be great for the J/24s to return to the San Diego NOOD.

**10. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

**Action Items:**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. EDT