

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/20/2021

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
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Mike Stasko
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Rick Jarchow X
12 – Drew Blackburn X
14 – John Parker
15 – Cory Huseby
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Deke Klatt
22 – James Foster
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Tonja Sanchez-Holmes
Kat Malone X
Curt Barnes X
Molly White X
Matt Miranda
Dave Constants X
Jeff Johnstone

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Class Office / Finance Report
5. Championship Updates
6. Boat Grant Update
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Annual 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** – Dan will be attending both IJCA virtual World Council Meetings and will be supporting the minor Rules proposals. He will speak on the survey follow-up items: restructuring Boat Grant/youth development program, improving the value of membership, standardize SI changes, a Corinthian only event and recruiting new regatta venues.
4. **Class Office / Finance Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 356 members so far in 2021. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,341 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2021 to date. \$2,290 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2021 charitable contributions. 7 out of 14 pages are reserved for the 2022 wall calendar. In order to purchase a page, complete the Calendar Form ASAP at <https://forms.gle/fJNx72rAoMnuD93d8>.

5. Championship Updates –

Nationals recap: Finn summarized that Malletts Bay Boat Club was a friendly host, and we had three days of excellent racing. Congratulations to Mike Marshall and team! Chris H. noted a Facebook reach on the Friday of Nationals of 9,000.

-- 2022 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 25-27: This is the weekend after the St. Pete NOOD, so you can do both. Chip Till is PRO.

-- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28: Mark Foster is the PRO in advance of the Worlds. You can bring your boat down for multiple events.

-- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 14-22: Chris has been meeting with the OA. The footprint onsite is very efficient, and the racecourse is close. The USJCA will begin accepting petitions at the end of the year.

-- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, August 17-21

-- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21

-- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, September 6-10

The 2023 and 2024 World Championships will be Greece and Argentina, but TBD which years for which host and final confirmation.

6. Boat Grant Update – Marcus said the boat is being fixed up and will be on the market for \$8,000 including trailer. Our program will be revamped to support a young sailor, including donated sails and financial support.

7. Technical Report – Curt stated that inspections at Nationals went well with entrants submitting their measurement certificates and equipment lists in advance. This took some effort and education but helped people get sorted before they were onsite. The goal is to expedite this process at more events. One full/new suit of each sailmaker was measured (in this case, a sailmaker representative's sails were used). All-up weight was spot checked + equipment checks on the water.

8. Old Business – N/A

9. New Business –

1 Finn Hadlock: Many states were represented at the Downeast Regatta. 2022 planning and beyond is underway. Molly agreed that the OA in Vermont for Nationals did a great job, including a fireworks display and breakout (by position) dock talks.

4 Chris Stone: The 2021 J/24 Northeast Regional Championship is at Toms River Yacht Club from October 16-17. Chris S. sold his boat to Elaine Ha her, but he will be crewing for her. He will advise his Governor replacement.

6 Tony Parker: The East Coast Championship is coming up, although they would prefer it to have been a Worlds qualifier. Tony inquired about the online Jury hearing at the NAC, which didn't work out very well. Chris H. explained that the IJCA is hoping to make changes to reduce the International Jury members required and replace with National Judges at less expense (but all onsite). Tony would like to talk offline with Marcus to enhance the youth program.

8 Crisp McDonald: Charleston Race Week will see changes for 2022 by moving the fleet out of the harbor. The fleet is doing only windward/leeward racing within the Charleston racing program, and this has attracted interest.

10 Rick Jarchow: The FL State Championship was this past weekend with eight boats including one from out of town. The State Championship starts anew in two weeks, including the Melbourne Dragon Point Series (about 15 boats) and the Kings Day Regatta/SE Regionals (about 20 boats). The Kings Day website is updated so check that out for details:

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/HWZILSI1Ej>. The Tampa area Fleet Captains are hoping to coordinate a winter series, culminating with the Midwinters.

12 Drew Blackburn: This year's District 12 Championship is early October. The 2022 District Championship will be in Indianapolis and Great Lakes Championship in Sandusky.

20 Jasper Van Vliet: Western Regionals are coming up, including boats from Seattle and Southern California. Charters are available.

10. Annual Meeting – Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. EST