

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/7/2022

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock
2 – Hillary Noble
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Ted Wiedeke X
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Mike Stasko X
8 – Crisp McDonald
10 – Rick Jarchow 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
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Tonja Sanchez-Holmes X
Curt Barnes X
Molly White X
Matt Miranda
Dave Constants X
Denny Vaughan X

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Class Office Report
5. Midwinters Recap
6. Championship Updates
7. Youth Program Update
8. Technical Report
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – A quorum is present. Welcome Ted Wiedeke as new District 4 Governor.
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 was pleased to see a nice turnout at Midwinters with some new faces. We are setting up our first Corinthian Nationals at the Annapolis NOOD in May 2023. Everyone will need to sort out their World Sailing classification. Aidan expressed concerns about not having a standalone event, however Dan recapped that the idea was to piggyback this for our first Corinthian Nationals. Tony agreed in that the infrastructure is there. It's also two weeks before the Nationals in Lake George. Dan and Chris will discuss this further offline.
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 219 members so far in 2022. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$815 in youth donations have been received in calendar year 2022 to date. \$810 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2022 charitable contributions.
5. **Midwinters Recap** – 32 boats competed at Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa, FL from February 25-27. Four races were completed. Thank you PRO Chip Till! The event lacked the social aspect, but the registration process was an improvement from three years ago. The scale was light; perhaps we should enforce the crew weight more so.

6. **Championship Updates** –

- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28: Tonja stated that 19 boats are signed up, and she plans to extend the early registration deadline. 30 boats are expected. There is a Circuit stop the prior weekend.
- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 14-22: 36 boats are officially entered. We are awaiting four US qualified people to register. The petition list has been filled. The IJCA will discuss potentially expanding berths. Tonja has charter boats available, and she is awaiting confirmation on several international teams to commit.
- 2022 North American Championship @ Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD, October 28-30: Thank you to Fleet 8 for stepping in to change the East Coast Championship to the North American Championship, after Kingston Ontario deferred to the USA for 2022. The J/22s will be run on a separate circle at AYC. Sandy Grosvenor will be the J/24 PRO.
- 2023 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Melbourne, FL, February 24-26: Rick said the local OA is proactive, and meetings will begin next month. A crane will be at the yacht club, however we may have limits on weighing boats.
- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21
- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, August 8-13: The dates have moved forward.
- 2023 World Championship @ Nautical Club of Thessaloniki Greece, September 9-16

7. **Youth Program Update** – Marcus summarized that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday. The boat is planned to be sold due to liability reasons. We have three applicants for 2022 – for financial need and/or for coaching. Look for an additional update soon. Let Marcus know if anyone is looking to buy a decent boat.

8. **Technical Report** – Curt reached out to the USJCA measurers, and we will be updating the online list as well as who has what equipment. Aidan noted that he has two sets of keel templates. There has been some scuttlebutt about an “expiration” of measurement certificates. While this has not been made official, those attending a major Championship are encouraged to obtain an revised certificate. The updated Class Rules have been approved by World Sailing as of 3/1/22. Curt will be reviewing an update of the equipment list. Onsite Worlds measurement is “event measurement” not “certification measurement” (i.e., not a full measurement). The Technical Committee is trying to expedite Worlds inspection, although there can be partial measurement. Molly inquired about how we can compensate our “super measurers.” Chris explained that European measurers are paid, so the Technical Committee should propose a stipend. Deke noted an area Measurer who is charging, so this is why it’s important to have guidelines.

9. **New Business** – Rick suggested that the Class require Associate/crew memberships (currently \$35) for National/Continental Championships. Ted thinks this will be paid for mostly by the owners. Molly would be happy to see more people involved via our e-mail/contact list and receiving the calendar. Let’s look at the math on crew memberships to make sure the Class would not be losing money. It was suggested that the Class could retrieve crew e-mail addresses from Yacht Scoring, however the Class does not have admin access for most events.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm EDT

Action Items:

- Dan and Chris will discuss the 2023 Corinthian Nationals.
- The Technical Committee will propose a Measurer stipend.
- The Class will review Associate/crew memberships for major Championships.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm EDT