

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

**Date:** 8/22/2022

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

**Adjourn:** 8:10 p.m. EDT

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Finn Hadlock X  
2 – Hillary Keimig  
3 – Aidan Glackin X  
4 – Ted Wiedeke  
6 – Tony Parker  
7 – Mike Stasko  
8 – Crisp McDonald  
10 – Rick Jarchow X  
12 – Drew Blackburn  
14 – John Parker X  
15 – Cory Huseby X  
18 – Todd Warnygora  
19 – Pat Dore  
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  
Denny Vaughan  
Molly White X  
Matt Miranda  
Dave Constants

## **Agenda:**

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

## **Description:**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – A quorum is present.
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. **Worlds Recap** – Dan thought it was the best and most intense regatta he has been to. Corpus Christi Yacht Club did a fantastic job logistically and socially. Aidan agreed it was spectacular, and inspection was simple. Wish we had more boats, but overall the best Worlds he has attended. Curt added that social media/photos/video were top notch. James Freedman has lots of video available on YouTube. Aidan encouraged everyone to keep up maintenance on their boats.
4. **President's Report** – Dan will address his thoughts during the Championship updates below.
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 339 members so far in 2022 (375 in 2021). You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. Requests have been made to purchase months in the 2023 USJCA wall calendar, however we are seeking more sponsors! Please let us know by September 1 if you can support a page.
6. **Championship Updates** –  
-- 2022 North American Championship @ Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD, October 28-30: they reached their 40-boat cap, with three J/24s on the waiting list. There had been discussion of up to 50 boats. Let's push to get the remaining boats in, even if they have to

launch at a different location.

-- 2023 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Melbourne, FL, February 24-26: Rick reported that the website should be live in the next month. If anyone wants to come in early, they will have to pay for launching (crane available Wednesday to Sunday as part of the regatta, part of the Dick Tillman Foundation).

-- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21: Curt and Dan are training measurers this year to prepare. The Jury is in the works. Hank Stuart is PRO.

-- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, August 8-13: The Great Lakes Championship is in the same venue this year.

-- 2023 World Championship @ Nautical Club of Thessaloniki Greece, September 9-16

-- 2023 Corinthian National Championship East, Rochester YC, Rochester, NY, October 5-8

-- 2023 Corinthian National Championship West, Southwestern YC, San Diego, CA, dates TBA (fall)

A Request for Proposal was just issued for 2024 US Nationals and 2024 Corinthian Nationals.

For 2024 Worlds, bids were received from St. Petersburg, FL and Seattle, WA, and the USJCA is putting forward the Seattle bid to the IJCA for a vote at their World Council Meeting this autumn. Charter boats will be critical. Perhaps holding a Nationals or Corinthian Nationals as a “lead-up” event would help with this endeavor. Aidan wondered if there could be regattas along the way from east to west coast, such as Fleet 1 in MN.

7. **Youth Program Update** – Marcus and Finn summarized some youth activity, including at the upcoming Downeast Regatta/District 1 Championship. Dan is working on a discounted/free entry at Changing of the Colors and the NAC for another youth team. Molly also obtained a free entry for Changing of the Colors for an additional youth team.
8. **Technical Report** – Curt has asked Championship competitors to send in equipment lists one week ahead of time. It takes a lot of “coaching.” An owner should be providing a provisional list to their charterer in those situations. The form/equipment can be adjusted onsite by the charterer.

There are six Rules proposals being put forward to the IJCA: wording of the anchor line/chain weight, lifeline from 3mm to 10mm of sag, clarification of epoxy being used for repair, allowing limited foam core for repair, ridding the forestay wording to a max of 945 over the length of the datum point, clarifying wording of second spinnaker (current wording suggests that if you have to use your back-up spinnaker, you cannot carry another back-up for remainder of regatta), and changing stepbox weight from 9 to 12 kg. Tonja and Curt have discussed some other clean-up items to be considered during this cycle. Jasper inquired about 3Di sails, however Aidan thinks this is more of an issue for the sailmakers.

At the Worlds, Aidan liked the spot measurement of keels with a focus of already having a valid measurement certificate. Let’s concentrate on the “cheater points” (mast height, forestay, dry weight). Curt suggested that at some regattas we look at different inspection points, prioritizing the top half of the fleet. Dan fully supported the mast up process at Worlds for ease to competitors. Aidan and Tonja voiced that a full weight should be conducted at the Worlds, but not necessarily other events (also sometimes dependent on venue). Curt would prefer to see inspection days reduced to keep the time commitment to one week, and to maximize on-water practicing. Discussion has been ongoing as to how many years a measurement certificate should be valid. More measurers are needed!

9. **New Business** –  
*10 Rick Jarchow* – the Rodeo at DIYC had 8 boats and the FL State Championship was just in Miami with 12 boats. A FL school is being donated a J/24 and competing locally.

*15 Cory Huseby* – the new Madison fleet just hosted their District Championship (11 boats) including many youth boats and a donated women’s boat.

*21 Deke Klatt* – the area is very excited to host the first Corinthian Nationals West next year.

10. **Officers / Annual Meeting** – Annual Meeting on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. EST

**Action Items:**

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. EST