

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/13/2023

Start: 7:10 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Hillary Keimig
3 – Aidan Glackin
4 – Ted Wiedeke
6 – Kelly FitzGerald X
7 – Mike Stasko
8 – James Howard
10 – Rick Jarchow X
12 – Drew Blackburn X
14 – John Parker X
15 – Cory Huseby
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – Melanie Edwards
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – Deke Klatt X
22 – James Foster
Marcus Rogers X
Denny Vaughan
Joe Buonasera X
Lee Ann Zaretsky X
Dan Busch

Agenda:

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

Description:

1. **Call to Order and 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. **Nationals Recap** – Lee Ann summarized that Lake George did a marvelous job on and off the water (fireworks!). Conditions were shiftly and varied.
4. **President's Report** – Marcus congratulated Kelly on the National Championship! Districts 1, 10, 14 and 19 are tied for the Districts with most members. Look for a wall calendar photo request soon. Hope to see you in Sandusky for the North Americans!
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 340 members so far in 2023 (350 budgeted, 400 goal!). You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. As of April 1, the Regular Full Member dues amount increased to \$100 per year. Associate and Junior membership did not change.

\$1,060 in youth donations have been received in calendar year 2023 to date. \$1,420 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2023 charitable contributions.
6. **Regional Championship Updates** – Is your Regional and/or District Championship currently on the USJCA online calendar? Please send the following details to director@j24class.org: regatta name, dates, host yacht club + its city/state, event website, contact person/details

-- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, August 8-13: More locals are expected to join the list. Sponsorship ideas are welcome! Joe suggested seeking in-kind goods as well as funds. The plan is to host the District Championship nearby before the NAC...details soon. Spread the word about the event, venue, location, etc. on social media. Rick recommends posts about the teams as they sign up, let's increase the promotional hits. Kelly thinks we should also highlight the fun/people factor.

-- 2023 World Championship @ Nautical Club of Thessaloniki Greece, September 9-16: Four US teams are registered, with maybe one more.

-- 2023 Corinthian National Championship West, Southwestern YC, San Diego, CA, September 6-10: registration just opened

-- 2023 Corinthian National Championship East, Rochester YC, Rochester, NY, October 5-8: Lee Ann said that the OA will discuss extending the early registration deadline. She will focus on social media promotion, more after the NAC. The entry numbers are on the low side, but October is still a ways out.

The 2024 Midwinter Championship will be at Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 23-25 (Miami deferred hosting until 2025). The 2024 North American Championship is at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, FL from April 11-14. With the St. Pete HH Regatta in February, there is a lot of winter racing available. District 10 will advise storage guidance.

7. **Youth Program Update** – Three youth involved with the program: Connor Raham, Drew Blackburn and Telmo Basterra. Connor attended US Nationals, and both Finn and Lee Ann shared his excitement and positivity. Telmo is expected to attend Corinthian Nationals East, however is leaving the program. Drew will attend the District Championship, NAC, Corinthian Nationals East and East Coast Championship. Unfortunately, the OA of the North Americans will not discount youth entry fees. Kelly wondered if the Class could use funds from its donations to defer some of the costs? This is a decision of the Boat Grant Committee. Kelly also suggested a line in Yacht Scoring upon regatta entry, asking for a donation for youth teams attending (such as \$25).

8. **New Business** –

1 Finn Hadlock: Downeast Regatta (District Championship) is September 9-10. The Portsmouth, NH fleet is having a resurgence. Sixteen boats are expected out in Maine. Burlington is starting summer racing.

2 Hillary Keimig (via e-mail): "We've got a new team on the line Thursday nights and potential for another boat to join in the next month. Small fleet still, but seven boats showing up each week so thankful for that. I personally was not at Nationals, but I heard it was fantastic. I will be at North Americans and Corinthian Nationals later this summer."

3 Joe Buonasera: The weather has been iffy/slow, but their Districts is in July. Joe explained it's a two-day event with a social. Sayville always puts on a good show, with a great/close venue. He expects to waive the late fee. The \$275 entry fee pretty much covers the weekend.

6 Kelly FitzGerald: The Havre de Grace fleet is dwindling, and the Annapolis owners haven't been as active. The Annapolis fleet hosted a District crew clinic with Kristen Berry of J/World, a great success with many new people! An on-the-water follow-up is planned. The East Coast Championship is October 20-22, look for the NOR soon. Expect the usual traditions ashore.

District 7 Lee Ann Zaretsky: Ithaca YC is hosting a circuit regatta for the first time in a long time, hoping to build excitement. Twelve to 15 boats are active in the District. Before the Corinthian Nationals East, come to the Lambert Lai Memorial Regatta on September 9-10.

10 Rick Jarchow: The Rodeo was recently at DIYC, it's always a good time! The FL State Championship (probably also Districts) is in July. Hope to see everyone for the

Midwinters...DIYC is a hospitable club. The Kings Day Regatta is November 18-19 in Jacksonville. Come south for the winter! Rick endorsed the efforts of the Snipe Class in regard to attracting youth sailors.

12 Drew Blackburn: A couple Fleets are building in their own areas, so the challenge is bringing folks together. Looking forward to North Americans!

14 John Parker: Fourteen to 15 boats are on the circuit right now. Three of their circuit stops are complete; the next is in Corpus Christi. The Fleets are staying strong. The Southwest Championship is at Lakewood YC in Seabrook on October 6-8.

21 Deke Klatt: Western Regionals is at Ventura YC on July 15-16. It's great to have the Corinthian Nationals West this year in San Diego and the Worlds in Seattle next year. Deke relayed that it's always a struggle to retain/attract members.

9. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, August 15 @ 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--The Class Office will send a wall calendar photo sponsorship request.

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