

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/15/2023

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:47 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell **X**

1 – Finn Hadlock **X**

2 – Hillary Keimig

3 – Aidan Glackin **X**

4 – Ted Wiedeke

6 – Kelly FitzGerald **X**

7 – Mike Stasko **X**

8 – James Howard **X**

10 – Rick Jarchow

12 – Drew Blackburn **X**

14 – John Parker **X**

15 – Cory Huseby

18 – Todd Warnygora **X**

19 – Melanie Edwards

20 – Jasper Van Vliet

21 – Deke Klatt **X**

22 – James Foster

Marcus Rogers **X**

Denny Vaughan

Joe Buonasera

Lee Ann Zaretsky

Dan Busch **X**

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. NAC Recap
4. President's Report
5. Class Office Report
6. Championship Updates
7. Youth Program Update
8. New Business
9. Annual 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, so the minutes are approved.*
3. **NAC Recap** – The event was a great success including good launching. John Mollicone won, and Aidan was second. Mike won first Corinthian, third overall.
4. **President's Report** – Marcus recognized six people at the NAC, who have participated in Midwinters, Nationals and NAC, with plaques onsite. All these events went off quite well in 2023, thank you all!
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 359 members so far in 2023 (350 budgeted, 400 goal). You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. Three perfect days of racing on Lake Erie for the NAC!
6. **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 World Championship, Nautical Club of Thessaloniki Greece, September 9-16: looks like four US boats attending
 - 2023 Corinthian National Championship West, Southwestern YC, San Diego, CA, September 6-10

--2023 Corinthian National Championship East, Rochester YC, Rochester, NY, October 5-8: Dan inquired about coaching, which needs to be confirmed and publicized. Mike shared that Quantum will be onsite, and North has been invited too for coaching and daily dock talks. RYC is a fantastic facility...get signed up! Housing, logistics and storage can be facilitated among the fall area events.

--2024 Midwinter Championship, Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 23-25

--2024 North American Championship, St. Petersburg YC, St. Petersburg, FL, April 11-14

--2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Sayville YC, Blue Point, NY, May 15-19

--2024 US National Championship, Wayzata YC, Wayzata, MN, September 6-8

--2024 World Championship, Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle, WA, September 28-October 5: A petition process for youth and womens teams for this event will be put forth around January 1. The IJCA will consider expanding these berths beyond one each. Todd noted that a team from Dillon is keen to petition, and already has secured a boat and sponsorship. Dan added that the USJCA weights all petitions in favor of diversity.

Kelly noted that the 2024 J/22 Worlds will be in Annapolis during the typical ECC weekend, so the ECC dates may be shuffled to early November. Chris will advise further J/22 logistics after checking with the IJ22CA. The Changing of the Colors Regatta is unlikely to change dates from the last weekend in September, even though it competes with Worlds.

7. **Youth Program Update** – Telmo, Connor and Drew are all planning to be at the Corinthian Championship East + East Coast Championship. Drew also just attended the NAC. The Youth Grant Committee will be meeting to plan for 2024.

8. **New Business** –

1 Finn Hadlock: It's a rebirth year in New Hampshire, including young owners. Downeast Regatta/NE Regionals/District Championship is coming in September. The Vermont fleet has been travelling more recently.

3 Aidan Glackin: Sayville is their main area. Weekday racing is a little down due to personal issues. Looking forward to Corinthian Nationals next year!

6 Kelly FitzGerald: The East Coast Championship is October 20-22...sign up before September 15 for the discount. This is the 46th ECC!

7 Mike Stasko: They are currently at three of five events for their Pennant Series. The Lambert Lai Regatta is next, followed by Changing of the Colors (both September). They average 15-20 boats for the Pennant Series.

8 James Howard: They have a new member from Lake Norman. Hopefully a couple locals will be doing more travelling.

12 Drew Blackburn: It was awesome to have such a great North Americans in the District! Local boats learned a lot, thanks to all! Drew plans to post an update as a youth grant team. The District 12 Championship is at Port Clinton YC at the end of September. The District is turning around.

14 John Parker: The most recent event was in Corpus Christi. The Southwest Championship will be at Lakewood YC in October for J/Fest Southwest...come on down!

18 Todd Warnygora: In Lake Dillon and Cherry Creek, they battle other one-design fleets. Eight J/24s have been on the line, topping these other fleets. More youth teams have been getting involved and sailing well.

19 Melanie Edwards via e-mail: “Planning for 2024 Worlds is well underway. Sponsorship is increasing, and details of logistics are being worked on. Financials are organized in 503c bank account with treasurer managing our budget. Charter boats are our challenge. Any insights other Districts can provide about expected attendance and charter boat needs would be super helpful. We are organizing around an assumption of 55 boats attending, and considering that might require up to 15 charter boats. Is that reasonable? The District 19 Championship will be in October in Seattle (Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions underway and will be posted on the event website once finalized). There will be two Worlds qualifying berths for District members plus two qualifying berths for Fleet 26. Is there required measurement for a District Championship with qualifying berths? We will weigh crew but not sails. Do we need to measure specific items on the boat or equipment? Are we required to have a throw-out after some number of races? Is there a minimum number of races required for qualifier berths?”

21 Deke Klatt via e-mail: “Everything is good in SoCal. San Diego is excited to host the Corinthian Nationals West. The Western Regionals was well attended with boats from all three Districts and Denver. Wind was light, but I think everyone had a good time.”

9. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 4 @ 7:00 p.m. EST. A Technical Chair will be on the slate, with the other Officers staying onboard.

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4 @ 7:00 p.m. EDT