

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/5/2024

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. EST

Present (X):

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

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Midwinters Recap
4. President's Report
5. Class Office Report
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.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris 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. **Midwinters Recap** – The Midwinter Championship was held at Davis Island YC in Tampa, FL on February 23-25. Twenty-seven boats attended. Ted summarized that conditions were varied, but nice. And all who were there were lucky to be there! Congratulations Ted for winning the Corinthian Division!
4. **President's Report** – Marcus thanked the Governors for their work. The Executive Committee is here to support all, reach out any time! Marcus stressed the importance of membership numbers, hoping to reach 400 for the year. He commended Cameron for all five of his crew joining as full members.

Lee Ann welcomed our newest Governors: Steve in District 1, Victor in District 21, James in District 14 and Cameron in District 18!
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the USJCA has 250 members so far in 2024. Dues are \$100, and a \$15 late fee will kick in on April 1. E-mail reminders have been/will be sent. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>.

\$415 in youth donations have been received in calendar year 2024 to date. \$2,545 has been

raised thus far in calendar year 2024 charitable contributions. Thank you to Tony Parker and Denny Vaughan for their \$1,000 (each) donations!

6. **Championship Updates –**

--2024 North American Championship, St. Petersburg YC, St. Petersburg, FL, April 11-14: sign up if you're coming ASAP! Aidan said reminders are always helpful. Spread the word...
--2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Sayville YC, Blue Point, NY, May 15-19: Joe sent promotional flyers and frisbees to Midwinters. Get on the list! Social media posts continue to be made. Quantum and North will offer on/off-water coaching.
--2024 US National Championship, Wayzata YC, Wayzata, MN, September 6-8: A local planning meeting is scheduled mid-month. The NOR is needed.
--2024 World Championship, Corinthian YC of Seattle, WA, September 28-October 5: They have excellent sponsorship, and Mark Foster is PRO. Those who are qualified need to get registered, then we can fill open berths with petitions.

--2025 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL, March 21-23
--2025 North American Championship, Houston YC, La Porte, TX, May 26-31: James F. said the local committee is starting to work on the Notice of Race, website, charters, etc.
--2025 Corinthian US National Championship, Southwestern YC, San Diego, CA, September 3-7: the goal is rotate this event annually east and west
--2025 World Championship, Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club, Plymouth, Great Britain, September 6-14
--2025 US National Championship, Florida YC, Jacksonville, FL, November 20-23

--2026 Corinthian US National Championship, Seawanhaka Corinthian YC, Oyster Bay, NY, May 14-17
--2026 US National Championship, Portland Yacht Services, Falmouth, ME, September 9-13
--2026 World Championship, Sandringham YC, Melbourne, Australia, November 9-16

--2027 World Championship, Rochester YC, Rochester, NY, October 2-9

Rick inquired about a 50th anniversary championship? This has been discussed at the international level and with J/Boats to plan for Newport. Although in the early stages, the IJCA will continue to move forward with this idea.

7. **Youth Program Update –** Lee Ann shared that we have two recipients this year: Cameron Robinson (CO) to be mentored by Paul Abdullah and Ryan Milne (WA) with mentor to be determined. Congratulations to Cameron and Ryan!

Victor offered one of his boats as a west coast youth boat.

8. **Technical Report –** Chris explained that Michael Johnson of the ITC came to Midwinters to review boats that plan to attend the 2024 Worlds (not a criteria for Midwinters). For the Midwinters, entrants received a forestay measurement and rudder review. For the North Americans, Finn will work with Curt Barnes and the local OA to plan inspections based on number of entrants and resources. Aidan thinks it's important for active boats to have more current certificates and stressed the importance for Districts to recruit more Measurers. Curt is aiming to streamline regatta inspection, but let's keep boats up to date.

Victor shared that Marcus came to AZ to measure 10 boats, however none passed the keels (too narrow).

9. **New Business –**

Kelly inquired about the lack of I Flag use. She has noticed several instances where the I Flag

might be better for participant morale. Going from P Flag directly to U Flag can also lead to only U Flag starts thereafter. She thinks mostly the lower end of the fleet is penalized in these situations. Chris noted World Sailing Race Management Policy 12.1: Flag I (RRS 30.1) and Flag Z (RRS 30.2) will not be used. He agreed that there is a difference during “beer can” racing versus regattas serving as World qualifiers. Ted added that the Class is aggressive, but the general feeling was that starting with a fresh prep flag on a new day is preferred.

Kelly also recommended regatta guidance for PROs as a helpful planning tool for our type of racers. She gave the example of the heavy breeze at the ECC, but the RC not requiring life jackets. Rick would also like to see a strict approach to the life jacket requirement, however others thought that this onus is more on the boat owner/skipper/crew.

There has been conversation about genoa longevity - use of club race vs. performance genoa. This is being discussed by the International Technical Committee. Kelly suggested a minimum bag weight. Their club race genoa has lasted much longer than the performance genoa. Chris passed along from the IJCA consideration for a wind limit for the genoa. Feedback on this topic is welcome. Opinions were mixed amongst the Governors during this meeting, including the impact of sail cost and equality of materials.

Steve would like to see more regattas posted on the USJCA calendar. Aidan pleaded with the Districts and Fleets to send event details (website please) to director@j24class.org!

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

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