

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

**Date:** 8/12/2024

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

**Adjourn:** 7:40 p.m. EDT

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X

1 – Steve Callison

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 X

12 – Drew Blackburn

14 – James Freedman X

15 – Cory Huseby

18 – Cameron Robinson

19 – Melanie Edwards

20 – Jasper Van Vliet

21 – Victor Felice X

22 – James Foster

Marcus Rogers

Denny Vaughan X

Joe Buonasera X

Lee Ann Zaretsky X

Finn Hadlock

Dan Busch

## **Agenda:**

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

## **Description:**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance**
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *No comments were made.*
3. **President's Report** – Denny is leading the meeting as Marcus is in the UK. Regarding membership, the USJCA has had declining numbers over the years. Let us know how membership retention is going in your Districts? We are getting close to the Worlds! Denny explained that two weeks before the WC is a Pre-Worlds with a Native American speaker and carved awards. If you're coming to Seattle, hope you can stay a while. He added that all Worlds entrants will be using Vakaros RaceSense (Atlas 2) to buy or rent, which should maximize time on the water. Aidan recommended the Bluetooth function. The local WC committee is working hard, managing the budget and sponsors. Excited for 57 boats from 12 countries!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the USJCA has 348 members so far in 2024. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$450 in youth donations have been received in calendar year 2024 to date. \$2,795 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2024 charitable contributions. The 2025 wall calendar is in need of a few more page sponsors!
5. **Championship Updates** –  
--2024 US National Championship, Wayzata YC, Wayzata, MN, September 6-8: 13 boats are registered, hoping for more!

--2024 World Championship, Corinthian YC of Seattle, WA, September 28-October 5

--2025 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg Miami, FL, March 21-23

--2025 North American Championship, Houston YC, La Porte, TX, May 26-31

--2025 Corinthian US National Championship, Southwestern YC, San Diego, CA, September 3-7

--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

--2026 North Americans? (Mexico declined to host)

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

6. **Youth Program Update** – Nothing new to report.

7. **Technical Report** – Chris clarified that the IJCA has no new Rules proposals this cycle. The Technical Committee is moving more toward self-compliance for event inspection, particularly for Midwinter and National-level Championships.

8. **New Business** –

*3 Aidan Glackin:* Sayville has seven boats out typically, with two regular travel boats. There are a few fixer-uppers in the works so hopefully a couple more boats out in 2025. Joe still has the perpetual trophy from Corinthian Nationals, which needs to go to Telmo.

*6 Kelly FitzGerald:* The East Coast Championship is October 18-20, and registration is open. RIP Mike Veraldi

*7 Mike Stasko:* The Lambert Lai Regatta is in Rochester in late August. The Changing of the Colors Regatta in September closes out the Pennant Series.

*8 James Howard:* The Miss Piggy Regatta is in October with 8-12 boats expected. There are some new sailors in the area.

*10 Rick Jarchow:* Twelve boats were at Rodeo at DIYC. The annual Kings Day Regatta is the third weekend in November in Jacksonville. Rick was talking with Mark Pincus about using Atlas2 for Midwinters, but the folks in District 10 were not keen to take this step. The Melbourne fleet is working on a comeback.

*14 James Freedman:* They have been getting about 11 boats at the last two regattas, however it was a different group than usual. Their next event is September 21-22 in Houston, and on September 7<sup>th</sup> they have a women's regatta.

*18 Cameron Robinson via e-mail:* The District 18 Championship was this past weekend (August 10-11) and went very well. There were five races all with 20+ knots and gusts well over. There are two boats registered from District 18 for Worlds and looking forward to a great event!

*21 Victor Felice:* He is hoping to get some young people from universities out on J/24s.

Kelly suggested forming a working group for managing the schedule to ensure maximizing

participation at the local and regional levels. The Executive Committee should discuss this further and advise.

9. **Officers** – Dan is the Nominating Chair as Past President, and will present a slate for election in December, as the Officers move up.

10. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. EST

**Action Items:**

**Next Meeting:** AGM on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. EST