

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/4/18

Start: 7:08 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Jim Murrell (President) **X**
Scott Deardorff (Vice President) **X**
Al Poindexter (Secretary)
Steve Liebel (Treasurer)
Polk Wagner (Technical Chair) **X**
Henry Brauer (Past President)
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Jonathan Pollak
Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay - Chris Murray **X**
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tod Sackett **X**
Fleet 4 Southern California –Bruce Cooper
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay - Matt Braun
Fleet 6 Erie - Tim Weibel
Fleet 7 Niagara - Tim Finkle
Fleet 8 Rochester - Charles Corbishley
Fleet 9 Marblehead –Daan Goedkoop
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff **X**
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker **X**
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Adam Bowen
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin **X**
Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound - Brad Gibbs **X**
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Canandaigua Finger Lakes - Anne Lambert
Fleet 19 San Francisco - Christy Usher
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay - Al Poindexter
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman **X**
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ - Bob Herzog
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Polk Wagner **X**
Fleet 26 Detroit – Mike Welch **X**
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - James Unsworth
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Pamela Rose

Agenda:

1. Class Office Report
2. Technical Report
3. Major Championship Updates
4. Fleet Reports
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting

Description:

Chris Howell conducted a roll call of the Officers and Fleet Captains (attendance noted above).

1. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 290 members so far in 2018 (we had 368 in all of 2017). You can view 2018 members by fleet at <http://www.j70class.com/index.php/officer-and-fleets/>. The spring newsletter will be sent this week.
2. **Technical Report** – Chris said the Class Rules proposal below was approved by the IJ70CA:
“(CRC-1) Class Membership of Crew Members proposed Rule change
C.3 CREW C.3.1 LIMITATIONS ON THE CREW (b) All members of the crew shall be current

class members in good standing, except that a crew member other than the driver is not required to be a class member if he or she holds a valid Group 1 Classification in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 22. (c) No crew member shall be substituted during the world championship and any event of 6 or less consecutive days, without the approval of the Race Committee or event Technical Committee. (d) For events of two or more consecutive day, all crew shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet and results listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

This Rule takes effect on January 1, 2019, per the Constitution. There is a possibility that the World Council will vote to move up that date, depending when the database gets sorted out with Yacht Scoring. There are also some legal hurdles for database management to figure out.

There are four important documents that answer most questions and are updated regularly:
Class Rules: see www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70RevisedClassRules2018-23497.pdf.

Building Specification: see <http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70-Building-Specification-3-2018-Final.pdf>

FAQ: see http://www.j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/J70FAQ-Final-41518_.pdf

Manufacturers Declaration information can be found at <http://www.j70ica.org/manufacturer-declaration>.

Also, check out the upcoming Technical Report in the Spring newsletter regarding hot topics such as “spar swapping.”

Polk said the Technical Committee is reviewing the pattern Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Contact him any time with questions or feedback.

3. **Major Championship Updates –**

2018 World Championship, September 22-29, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA

2019 Midwinter Championship, February 20-24, Coral Reef YC, Miami, FL

2019 Corinthian National Championship, August 8-11, Little Traverse YC, Harbor Springs, MI:

Polk noted that they plan to provide on-water coaching to work with all competitors. Chris recapped that three sailmakers gave excellent coaching and debriefs at the 2017 CNC in Texas.

2019 World Championship, August 30-September 6, Royal Torbay YC, UK

2019 North American Championship, September 22-29, Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH: Tod said the committee is meeting and seeking sponsors.

2020 North American Championship will be hosted by the Canada Class in Toronto (dates TBA)

2020 World Championship, July 14-19, California Yacht Club, Marina Del Ray, CA

2021 North American Championship will be hosted by Annapolis YC, MD (dates TBA)

2021 World Championship, October 18-23, Yacht Club de Monaco

4. **Fleet Reports –**

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff: Fiesta Cup is this summer, and the Women’s International Keelboat Championship is there this year with nine teams signed up so far. The crew can be more than four people. Spread the word! The Delta Ditch Run had six J/70s, but only three finished due to light air. Dave Ullman is coaching their youth team and women’s teams.

Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay Chris Murray: Chris is trying to build things up locally. The NYYC Regatta and Newport Regatta should be competitive.

Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central Tod Sackett: The fleet has reorganized with sales and purchases. Cleveland Race Week is in two weeks, although registration is a little down.

Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island David Becker: They are losing a few boats.

Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound Ed Austin: The American YC Spring Series was well attended, and a few folks went to the Cedar Point One Design Regatta. Next up is Larchmont Race Week. Their Friday Night Series just started.

Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound Brad Gibbs: The season is just kicking off. They will travel to some Newport events in addition to their beer can racing.

Fleet 22 Cedar Point Josh Goldman: The Cedar Point One Design Regatta was this past weekend. They are mostly stable in their numbers.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Polk Wagner: Tuesday racing just started, and they will add another weekly race soon. Usually 12-13 boats are on the line. 24 J/70s are registered for the UGotta Regatta in July. A fleet development day precedes that event.

Fleet 26 Detroit Mike Welch: The Bayview One Design Regatta was this past weekend with five traveling boats for 15 total. Only one of three days had racing due to light air. They have 9-10 boats for Tuesday racing. The Great Lakes Championship is in September, and Tim Healy will be there for a training day. Five local boats are the travelers.

5. **New Business** – Jim said that the Executive Committee will be discussing use of the Class e-mail list (this emanated from a US Sailing request for a One Design Challenge fundraiser). To clarify, the Class would send the e-mail on behalf of US Sailing; not giving out member e-mail addresses to US Sailing. No objections were expressed.

Jim has concerns about the winches, and he will be researching this topic with the Copyright Holder.

6. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Julie Howell

Action Items:

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