

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/4/18

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Jim Murrell (President) **X**
Scott Deardorff (Vice President) **X**
Al Poindexter (Secretary) **X**
Steve Liebel (Treasurer) **X**
Polk Wagner (Technical Chair) **X**
Henry Brauer (Past President)
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Jonathan Pollak
Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay - Chris Murray
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tod Sackett
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
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 **X**
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel **X**
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ - Bob Herzog
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Scott Sellers **X**
Fleet 26 Detroit – Mike Welch
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - James Unsworth
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Pamela Rose **X**

Agenda:

1. President's Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Technical Report
4. Major Championship Updates
5. Fleet Reports
6. New Business
7. Annual Meeting

Description:

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

1. **President's Report** – Jim said the Executive Committee is working on a few items including planning for the future Florida circuit as well as the winch concerns. Look for low profile winches and new covers at the Marblehead Worlds. J/Boats has been working actively with the Class.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 313 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/>. A push by Fleet Captains at local events goes a long way! Al suggested reaching out to the list of those who haven't renewed to see why

they've lost interest in the Class or who they sold their boat to. For example, Fleet 19 hasn't renewed since they aren't traveling, and they aren't racing in the Rolex Big Boat Series. These trends ebb and flow. Jim volunteered to call Fleet Captains.

The summer newsletter will be sent this week.

3. **Technical Report** – Polk summarized the following Technical Committee news:

[a] Wire lifelines are now required as of 7/1/18.

[b] The US Class Executive Committee is working with J/Boats on winches. Covers and low-profile winches (via Harken) will be available in Marblehead for feedback purposes. A photo and diagram of the winches will be sent with these minutes.

[c] Expanded guidance on hiking will be published in the newsletter and on the website. This is not a change, but further clarification. Hiking is a protest-able offense boat to boat, and is also enforceable by Judges.

[d] The Rules change proposal (Group 3 sailors to be Class members, all crew listed) from last spring was approved by the World Council and is awaiting final World Sailing approval. This will be effective January 1, 2019.

[e] The Committee continues to ask for feedback and questions for clarifications of the Rules.

The current Rules and Builders Spec are on the IJ70CA website. The FAQ is continually improved, which is also posted publicly.

Pamela asked about the no-support-boat Rule, and Chris clarified that this is an Event Rule which needs to be invoked via event SIs and NORs.

4. **Major Championship Updates** –

2018 World Championship, September 22-29, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA: Expect just under 30 Corinthians, but they aren't all showing on Yacht Scoring yet while everyone gets their World Sailing numbers sorted.

2019 Midwinter Championship, February 20-24, Coral Reef YC, Miami, FL: Pamela said registration will be opened soon, and they hope for 65-70 boats. There are three other Bacardi winter events (including the usual March Invitational).

2019 Corinthian National Championship, August 8-11, Little Traverse YC, Harbor Springs, MI: Polk said it's a beautiful place...come on up! They are planning to ramp up the educational aspect.

2019 World Championship, August 30-September 6, Royal Torbay YC, UK: Chris said the qualifiers are listed online, but this may end up in petitions. There are 16 US berths.

2019 North American Championship, September 22-29, Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH

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

Proposals are needed for the 2020 and 2021 Corinthian National Championship.

5. **Fleet Reports** –

Fleet 4 Southern California Jim Murrell: Seven boats are signed up for a Worlds tune-up this weekend.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff: Fiesta Cup was lightly attended but at a high caliber. The youth team has qualified for the Youth Championship. They have about 10 boats overall, and maybe growing by a couple.

Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island David Becker: The summer has been quiet.

Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound Ed Austin: The Long Island Sound Championship had 10-11 boats. This weekend is a training weekend, followed by the American YC Fall Series and HPR.

Fleet 20 Galveston Bay Al Poindexter: They've been doing beer can racing.

Fleet 23 Tampa Bay Steve Liebel: 51 boats are registered for the DIYC Series, and the cap is 60 so sign up now.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Scott Sellers: The summer season just wrapped up, with 9-10 boats out for semi-weekly racing including many families. More than 20 J/70s competed in the Ugotta Regatta, involving mostly Corinthians. Their youth team has also qualified for the Youth Championship. Scott also is a member of the San Francisco fleet, which sees about 6-7 boats these days.

Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay Pamela Rose: About nine boats are there, with maybe three new ones coming in. They are excited about the winter events.

6. **New Business** – Jim said that all the country Presidents are meeting at the Worlds this month. Let him know if there's anything you want to bring forward.

Pamela said people need to be aware of the insurance requirements for professional crew. She will seek out an article for the Fall newsletter.

7. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. EST

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Pamela will seek out an insurance article for the Fall newsletter.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. EST