

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/24/2021

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Scott Deardorff (President) **X**
Ed Austin (Vice President)
Al Poindexter (Secretary)
Brian Keane (Treasurer)
John Heaton (Technical Chair)
Jim Murrell (Past President)
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Pete Firey & Cate Terhune for Marty McKenna **X**
Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Ted Pinkerton **X**
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper **X**
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison
Fleet 7 Eastern Great Lakes - Tim Finkle
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Cindy Smith **X**
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell **X**
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff **X**
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Steve Knoop
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - Brad Gibbs
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Sag Harbor – Sean Elliott
Fleet 19 San Francisco – Robert Milligan **X**
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay – Kelly Gray
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ – Jack Lord **X**
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs – Scott Sellers
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Ryan McKillen **X**

Agenda:

1. President's Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Technical Report
4. NAC Recap
5. Worlds/Championship Updates
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **President's Report** – Scott noted a lot of activity in Marina del Ray, leading up to Worlds. It's getting exciting on the west coast!
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 298 members so far in 2021, including 72 Group 3 members, 14 Helmspersons and 9 Associates (last year at our June meeting, we were at 299 total). The NAC helped our numbers get up to where we should be with the budget.
3. **Technical Report** – ITC Chair Polk Wagner and Chris are meeting with Jeff Johnstone this week in regard to boat maintenance items, such as a fix for the Southern mast through-bar spreader bracket. Sail22 will be offering the parts, as well as J/Boats. Another area to be addressed is the rudder gudgeons. Boats at the Worlds will be fully inspected. Peter suggested the ITC keep a log

of infractions observed at major Championships to help people understand the Rules better. Check out the IJ70CA newsletter, coming this week, for more details on what the Class will be looking at during our upcoming Worlds and Europeans inspections.

4. **NAC Recap** – Pete thanked Polk, Chris & Julie and the local clubs (AYC, SSA, EYC) for pulling off this event. The competitors were happy, despite the lack of wind. The MarkSetBots are positive, although some competitors seemed surprised when the Bots relocated to their positions following being bumped/moved. Ryan reiterated support for the flexibility of the Bots, but we might consider a Rules proposal to accommodate for the movement. The Bots are not planned for the Worlds. The ever-changing COVID restrictions in Maryland did not allow an in-depth inspection process in Annapolis, but as regulations eased, an awards ceremony took place and we did gather 59 boats!

5. **Worlds/Championship Updates** –
 - 2021 World Championship at California YC, Marina del Ray, CA, August 7-15: We are a go with 80 boats! The US entry list is full. If anyone backs out, we have a few people on the waiting list. The biggest question is whether international teams can enter the USA due to COVID restrictions. The Class regularly issues “invitations” to help foreign teams with travel. The Howells will be at Cal Cup in June to weigh boats as needed. Boats have been arriving in California following the NAC. Bruce advised that logistics updates will be available on the Fleet 4 Facebook page.
 - 2021 Corinthian US National Championship at Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA, September 16-19: Cindy said a sponsor is secured, and Hank Stuart is PRO. Get registered! The New England Championship is the Marblehead NOOD, including a one-pro division.
 - 2021 Postponed Midwinter Championship at Davis Island YC, December 3-5, 2021
 - 2022 Midwinter Championship TBD
 - 2022 Corinthian US National Championship, Cedar Point YC, Westport, CT, September 14-17: this event may be moved to May...stay tuned.
 - 2022 North American Championship, Port Credit YC, Toronto, ON Canada, September 18-24
 - 2022 World Championship, Yacht Club de Monaco, October 21-29
 - 2023 Corinthian US National Championship, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI, June 9-11
 - 2023 World Championship, Newport, RI, exact dates to be announced
 - 2023 North American Championship, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL, October 30-November 5

The Southernmost Regatta in Key West will be on the “traditional” dates in January 2022. Logistics are still being sorted out.

The postponed 2021 Midwinters will be at Davis Island YC in December, the first event of the Winter Series. The goal of the 2022 Midwinters was to be part of the Bacardi Invitational in March, however the OA has not agreed. Ryan will follow up.

6. **New Business** –

Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay Ryan McKillen: It was a busy winter, and summer racing is planned.

Fleet 24 Cape May NJ Jack Lord: They are up to eight/nine boats in the Fleet, and the season kicks off mid-June through Labor Day. The East Coast Championship is August 28-29 in Cape May (hoping for 20+ boats). Tourist season will be high, but they are committed to finding housing for visiting teams. They can also help with storage for boats traveling to the Corinthian Nationals.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff: The Fleet has been sailing since DST began, and teams are practicing in Marina del Ray. See you in California this summer!

Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club James Mitchell: There are three active boats who enjoy being part of the Class.

Fleet 9 Marblehead Cindy Smith: Eleven boats are registered for the first race of the season this weekend.

Fleet 4 Southern California Bruce Cooper: The Fleet ran their own regattas during COVID, and they have ramped up to 20 boats for 2021 racing. Road to Worlds:

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Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central Ted Pinkerton: They have eight boats. The Great Lakes Championship is at Cleveland Race Week from June 18-20. The Fleet races Wednesdays and Sundays for local club racing.

Fleet 1 Annapolis Pete Firey & Cate Terhune: Wednesday night racing is underway, adding Thursdays, plus monthly regattas.

7. **Next Meeting** – Monday, August 23 @ 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

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