

US J/70 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/30/2022

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Ed Austin (President) **X**
Al Poindexter (Vice President) **X**
John Heaton (Secretary)
Brian Keane (Treasurer)
Dina Kowalyshyn (incoming Technical Chair)
Scott Deardorff (Past President) **X**
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Paul Green & Cate Muller-Terhune **X**
Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson **X**
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Ted Pinkerton **X**
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper **X**
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison
Fleet 6 Cohasset, MA – Charlie Henry **X**
Fleet 7 Eastern Great Lakes - Tim Finkle
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Patrick Andreasen **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 **X**
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Jean-Marc Papin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - Brad Gibbs
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Sag Harbor – Jim Vos
Fleet 19 San Francisco – Robert Milligan
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay – Kelly Gray
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Cindy Alten-DeLotto
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman **X**
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ – Jack Lord
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs – Scott Sellers **X**
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover **X**
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Ryan McKillen **X**

Agenda:

1. Office & Copyright Holder Reports
2. Technical Report/Rules Proposals
3. Budget Proposal and Approval
4. Election of Officers
5. Championship Updates
6. New Business
7. 2023 Meeting Dates

Description:

1. **Office & Copyright Holder Reports** – Ed welcomed all to the Annual Meeting. Hooray for a real sailing season in 2022, and a busy winter season to come. Chris reported that the US Class has 358 members in 2022 (364 in 2021), including 78 Group 3 members, 29 Helmspersons and 13 Associates.

An international survey was distributed earlier this year. A summary was in the previous Class newsletter and distributed to the Fleet Captains via e-mail.

2. **Technical Report / Rules Proposals** – Based on the survey, Rules proposals have been posted at https://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/J70_CRC20230101.pdf. These will be voted on by the IJ70CA in December. There seems to be little controversy in requiring 100% ownership for

Group 3s. If passed, the Rule would take effect in 2024. Although this is tough to monitor, the Manufacturers Declaration will be the best way to keep track, specifically for club-owned boats. Bruce noted that this Rule would affect him, and designating Class level events (as the J/105s do) would be beneficial locally.

3. **Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2022 and Budget 2023. Regatta support funds were used for social media during the winter events. *Scott Deardorff made a motion to accept the Budget/P&L as presented, seconded by Al Poindexter. The motion passed unanimously*

4. **Election of Officers** – The following slate was presented for election:

President: Ed Austin

Vice President: Al Poindexter

Secretary: John Heaton

Treasurer: Brian Keane

Technical Chair: Dina Kowalyshyn

Cate Muller-Terhune made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Sean Hendrickson. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Championship Updates** –

--2023 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, March 23-26: The NOR is posted with entries coming in.

--2023 Corinthian World Cup, Fraglia Vela Riva, Italy, June 1-4

--2023 Corinthian US National Championship, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI, August 4-6

--2023 North American Championship, Chicago YC, September 18-24: Steve said that the club will improve on the 2022 situation, perhaps switching to Monroe vs Belmont. Sean suggested that craning out would then be needed at Monroe. Cate thinks Belmont is preferred but needs to work with the park and also with Corinthian YC. A lead-up event at Monroe is being considered.

--2023 US National Championship: dates to be confirmed for Forth Worth BC, TX

--2023 World American Championship, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL, October 30-November 5: a petition will be available soon on the IJ70CA page, to be filled in March.

--2024 North American Championship, Vallarta YC Mexico, April 28-May 4

--2024 World Championship, Real Club Nàutico de Palma, Spain, September 14-21

--2025 World Championship, Yacht Club Argentino, October 24-November 1

6. **New Business** –

Fleet 1 Annapolis – Paul Green & Cate Muller-Terhune: Fall Brawl was successful, and more social media is planned. Four Fleet 1 boats were at the Mixed+ regatta in FL. Winter clinics are planned, as well as participation in the winter FL events.

Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson: Five boats were added, bring them to 19. Short course clinics have been well received, with social events. They have boats at DIYC this winter.

Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Ted Pinkerton: They hosted the Corinthian Nationals in June. Boats are out regularly for club racing + a couple boats hitting the road. Training and marketing are in the works.

Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper: San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Barbara are active but spread out. They hope to focus more on the Mixed+ format.

Fleet 6 Cohasset, MA – Charlie Henry: The Fleet is new and up to five boats.

Fleet 9 Marblehead – Patrick Andreasen: The Fleet is mostly stable. They support the youth series for collegiate match racing and the J/70 Youth Nationals.

Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell: FWBC has a new clubhouse.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff: Fiesta Cup is the signature event, and the Fleet has 8-9 boats out...small but active. Let's get another Championship on the west coast.

Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Steve Knoop: Fleet is split with pros vs amateurs.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs – Scott Sellers: The SF fleet is losing momentum, but Harbor Springs is strong including many families and the popular Ugotta Regatta.

Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover: Six-strong Corinthian fleet, including winter travelers. You can pair up the Ugotta Regatta and Corinthian Nationals in 2023.

Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Ryan McKillen: There's a lot of winter sailing, including perhaps a new event at Coconut Grove later in the season.

7. **2023 Meeting Dates** – 3/13/23, 6/12/23, 8/28/23, 11/27/23 (AGM)

Action Items:

--The Class Office will send 2023 membership renewal invoices.

Next Meeting: 3/13/23