

US J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/13/2023

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Ed Austin (President) **X**
Al Poindexter (Vice President) **X**
John Heaton (Secretary) **X**
Brian Keane (Treasurer) **X**
Dina Kowalyshyn (Technical Chair) **X**
Scott Deardorff (Past President) **X**
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Paul Green, Cate Muller-Terhune **X**
Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Ted Pinkerton **X**
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison
Fleet 6 Cohasset, MA – Charlie Henry
Fleet 7 Eastern Great Lakes - Tim Finkle
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Patrick Andreasen
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - Jim 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 - Jean-Marc Papin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - Brad Gibbs
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest – Ron Rosenberg **X**
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 – Sean O’Brien **X**
Fleet 26 Detroit – Robert Ramirez
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Ryan McKillen

Agenda:

1. President’s Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Technical Report
4. Championship Updates
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **President’s Report** – Ed welcomed all to the meeting. Thanks to our Fleet Captains! The Class is stable, and there were limited Rules changes last cycle. There has been a lot of winter sailing...more to come. In 2024, the Class will be adding a National Championship. This should help fill the calendar while some Championships are off continent. Looking forward to summer sailing.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 205 members so far in 2023, including 18 Group 3, 18 Helm and 7 Associate. Look for a boost with the Midwinters and onward.
3. **Technical Report** – Dina said the Class Rules are approved (one proposal was clerical; the other goes into effect in 2024 stating that Group 3 sailors must be 100% owners). Polk Wagner resigned

as IJ70CA Technical Chair, and Mark Foster has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Experiments are forthcoming regarding the inhauling system, based upon feedback from last year's Class survey. This is not yet at the proposal phase, and then would be voted on internationally. Most likely, this system would be an option, not a requirement. Dina reminded Fleet Captains that if an engine is changed, a new Manufacturers Declaration is needed at <https://j70ica.org/manufacturer-declaration/>.

4. **Championship Updates** –

--2023 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg, Miami, FL, March 23-26: 60+ boats are entered, and Mark Foster is PRO.

--2023 Corinthian World Cup, Fraglia Vela Riva, Italy, June 1-4: likely to be a Corinthian World Championship in the future. Up to 100 boats are expected in Garda.

--2023 Corinthian US National Championship, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI, August 4-6: The NOR will be posted very soon.

--2023 North American Championship, Chicago YC, September 18-24: 30+ boats are entered, save some money by registering by the end of this month. John added that the Verve Inshore is in August, and storage options are available.

--2023 World Championship, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL, October 30-November 5: 90 boats on the list, and we can add more petitioners if there is drop off.

--2024 Midwinter Championship, Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, dates to be confirmed

--2024 US National Championship, Fort Worth BC, TX, dates to be confirmed

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

--2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Corinthian YC, Cape May, NJ, September 6-8

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

Here are the 2023 US qualifying events for 2024 Worlds (in addition to international berths from the Worlds and NAC):

-2 DIYC 2022-2023 Series (1 Open, Brian Keane / 1 Corinthian, Dave Kerr/Lee Sacket)

-2 Midwinters 2023 (1 Open/ 1 Corinthian)

-2 Corinthian Nationals (2 Corinthian) If we don't get 25 boats, we will have an additional berth to distribute.

-2 Long Beach Race Week (1 Open / 1 Corinthian)

-1 Annapolis HHSW (1 Open)

-1 Marblehead HHSW (1 Open)

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

5. **New Business** –

Fleet 1 Annapolis: Paul expects three more active boats. Over the winter, they held mini clinics (tactics, Rules) which are available on You Tube. Their Fleet website has an "ask a pro" blog.

Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central: Ted promoted Cleveland Race Week in mid-June. They may be adding one boat locally.

Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club: Jim hopes the 2024 Nationals will rejuvenate the Fleet.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara: Scott said their weeknight racing is starting.

Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest: Ron stated the Seattle fleet is strong at 11 boats and also in Orcas Island, getting to about 30 boats overall regionally. They plan to add more boats...come on up and

charter some time. Several of their Fleet members are frequent travelers.

Fleet 22 Cedar Point: Josh would like to have a future national event in fall timeframe.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs: Sean noted that the sailing school has a training boat. They have about seven active boats. Their biggest event is the Ugotta Regatta...beautiful place to sail.

Ed spoke on behalf of Fleet 9 Marblehead: one new boat is expected. The East Coast Championship is at Larchmont Yacht Club in May.

6. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 12 @ 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

--Fleet Captains will send regatta information to the Class Office with an event website.

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