

US J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/12/2023

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 Kowalyszyn (Technical Chair)
Scott Deardorff (Past President) **X**
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Cate Muller-Terhune **X**
Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson **X**
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
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
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ – Jack Lord **X**
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. Fleet Roundtable
6. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **President’s Report** – Ed welcomed everyone, happy summer! Racing is in full swing now. The inaugural Corinthian World Cup just occurred in Riva del Garda Italy...a great success! This event will become a Corinthian World Championship starting in 2024 (Denmark), rotating internationally.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 291 members so far in 2023, including 58 Group 3, 19 Helm and 8 Associate. (2022 total was 358.)
3. **Technical Report** – Chris explained that the International Technical Committee is working on about 10 Rules proposals for 2023, including some Test Rules that would become Event Rules. Other proposals would clarify the pumping Rule and add the “Oscar” flag as a way to manage this Rule. Also adding a 4:1 option on the backstay. The proposals will be finalized this month before

a 60-day review of all countries and then a World Council vote (effective 2024).

Conversations continue with the Copyright Holder on various technical topics such as the trailing edge of keels/rudders and maintenance causing a shortened chord length. Some measurement numbers may be released but there are pros and cons to this. We want our members to conduct honest maintenance, but some may take advantage of this data.

Expect some test products on weather sheeting in the next year or two.

4. **Championship Updates** –

--2023 Corinthian US National Championship, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI, August 4-6: close to 20 boats are registered so far.

--2023 North American Championship, Chicago YC, September 18-24: entry is just shy of 60, including international teams. John said the club had some practice this weekend with the NOOD. Coach boats had to launch separately. There are logistical challenges. You can also plan to attend the Verve as a warm-up event. Reach out to John if you have any questions.

--2023 World Championship, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL, October 30-November 5: expect the full 95 entries. Those who aren't paid will be moved aside for those on the waiting list. There was a circulated article about the rebuild of the SPYC clubhouse, but this is at least five years out.

--2024 Midwinter Championship, Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 2-4: This is DIYC #3.

--2024 Corinthian World Championship, Royal Danish YC, Copenhagen Denmark, June 6-9

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

--2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Corinthian YC, Cape May, NJ, September 6-8: Jack said CYC hosted the East Coast Championship last year. Their goal is 35 boats for 2024.

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

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

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

--2026 World Championship, Clube Naval de Cascais Portugal, August 28-September 5

The Class is seeking proposals to host the 2025 North American Championship, 2025 US National Championship and 2025 Corinthian US National Championship in the USA. Proposals should be sent to the Class Office by August 1, 2023.

5. **Fleet Roundtable** –

Fleet 1 Annapolis: Cate shared that Thursday night racing should see about 15 boats. They have focused on team building this spring.

Fleet 2: Wayzata: Sean said 100% (19 boats) of the fleet was out last Thursday. There is more J/70 interest at the club but there is a waitlist for the marina. The fleet is recognized by WYC and hosted a party. He noted two complete women and youth teams racing Sundays...it's really taken off.

Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central: Ted stated the season is starting slowly, but Cleveland Race Week one-design is this weekend.

Fleet 9 Marblehead: Ed noted the Marblehead Helly Hansen Regatta in July is a Worlds qualifier. They also have the Ted Hood Regatta in August, and weekday racing including some PHRF. Ed is seeking a keel with a kelp cutter slot so let him know of any leads.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara: Scott sees the San Diego and Long Beach fleets slowing down but Santa Barbara (8-9 boats out Wednesday) and Ventura are strong. A coastal run is planned which should attract folks.

Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest: The fleet has 35 boats, continuing to grow. If you know of any boats not being used, let Ron know for their youth teams. Their WhatsApp channel is growing, which helps with crew lists. The energy in the region is strong. There are a few summer events on their calendar...come on over, charters may be available. J/Fest will be rescheduled for the fall. Some fleet members have been travelling, including to Puerto Vallarta (excellent racing) and to Lake Garda (maybe you all saw Janet's article?). Two to six boats will travel to the 2024 NAC from Seattle.

Fleet 24 Cape May NJ: Jack noted about eight boats in the fleet, and even if a boat has sold, it has stayed at the club.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs: Sean explained that their season is just beginning. Come to the fun Ugotta Regatta in July (sign up soon as there is a cap). Three boats of their eight-boat fleet are attending the Corinthian Nationals (each boat will be scored first for that night's club racing).

6. **Next Meeting** – Annual Meeting on Monday, November 27 @ 7:00 p.m. EST

Action Items:

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