

US J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/4/2024

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 7:37 p.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Al Poindexter (President) **X**
Brian Keane (Vice President) **X**
John Heaton (Secretary)
Cate Muller-Terhune (Treasurer) **X**
Dina Kowalyshyn (Technical Chair)
Ed Austin (Past President) **X**
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Paul Green **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 8 Solomons Island - Larry Ray **X**
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Patrick Andreasen
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 - 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 – David Fried
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 **X**
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs – Sean O’Brien
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover
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** – Al welcomed everyone. He recently attended an IJ70CA meeting. The Class is planning a 10-year marketing program with a video, logo, press release, etc. to be launched in about a month. The International Class has many social media followers: 9,400+ on Facebook and 7,000+ on Instagram. The IJ70CA sells more than 1,000 sail royalty tags per year. Hull 1800 will be out this summer. Major objectives include diversifying the Class, such as more women and youth participation.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 230 members so far in 2024, including 48 Group 3, 14 Helm and 6 Associate (2023 total was 335). Welcome our newest Fleet 8 in Solomons Island!

3. **Technical Report** – Chris explained that the updated Class Rules went into effect in January. He highlighted mixed plus & youth crew events/divisions, as well as clarification of when pumping of the gennaker is permitted (when Race Committee displays code flag Oscar).
4. **Championship Updates** –
- 2024 North American Championship, Vallarta YC Mexico, April 28-May 4
 - 2024 Mixed Plus US National Championship at Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Detroit, Bayview YC MI, May 31-June 2: this is the inaugural edition.
 - 2024 Corinthian World Championship, Royal Danish YC, Copenhagen Denmark, June 6-9
 - 2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Corinthian YC, Cape May, NJ, September 6-8: Jack stated that the NOR is now posted on Yacht Scoring, and registration is open. Book your accommodations early!
 - 2024 World Championship, Real Club Nàutico de Palma, Spain, September 14-21: quite a few US members will be in attendance.
 - 2024 US National Championship, Fort Worth BC, TX, November 6-9: Jim said they expect 20-35 boats. The NOR and registration should be available by March 15.

 - 2025 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg Miami FL, March 27-30
 - 2025 World Championship, Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires, October 24-November 1
 - 2025 Corinthian Championship, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA, details to be confirmed
 - 2025 North American Championship details still to be confirmed for Pensacola, FL

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

5. **New Business** –

Fleet 1 Annapolis Paul Green: The fleet was well represented in Florida this winter. Locally, they are holding mini clinics, with the content available on You Tube. Three boats were sold over the winter, but two stayed in the fleet. Chris commended Paul for his e-mail communications...well done!

Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central Ted Pinkerton: The fleet is stable and looking forward to summer! The Great Lakes Championship will be part of Cleveland Race Week in June.

Fleet 8 Solomons Island Larry Ray: Larry thanked Paul for helping launch their fleet. They have three family boats out of five total, and expecting to grow. He has had success in recruiting young sailors. Annapolis boats will be traveling down to support them, and vice versa.

Fleet 9 Marblehead Ed Austin: The fleet is stable. Their main events are the Ted Hood Regatta and Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Marblehead.

Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club James Mitchell: Hoping the Nationals will reinvigorate the fleet.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff: There is a new boat in the fleet from J/Composites. Chris noted that there is not a current plan to start building in the US again, as the boats can be shipped from France at a reasonable cost. The Fleet is disappointed to lose the Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series San Diego. They are hoping to identify a host for a future major Championship.

Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest Ron Rosenberg: Positive momentum continues with their “J/Pod.” They have trained some less experienced teams to get on the road, including quite a few at the winter Florida events. He thanked folks for their support of both kids and dads traveling. The fleet is up to 42 boats...unused boats are welcome! There is a brand new boat arriving soon from

France, the first in the fleet. They hope to host the 2025 Mixed Plus Nationals, which would further help to build their pod. Details to come...

Fleet 22 Cedar Point Josh Goldman: They have water, but lacking boats.

Fleet 24 Cape May NJ Jack Lord: They expect to have nine local boats racing this year. Hoping to see everyone for the Corinthian Nationals...great hospitality and open ocean sailing. Jack thanked Paul for the support from Fleet 1.

Cate noted that she, Allan Terhune, Leif Sigmond and Steve Knoop (all J/70 owners) did Race Committee help for the J/24 Midwinters in February in Tampa. There were lots of compliments for the J/70 support, and it was a fun experience. She would recommend others to do the same!

6. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

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