

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/30/17

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Craig Tallman (President) X
Kristen Robinson (Vice President) X
Jim Murrell (Secretary)
Scott Deardorff (Treasurer) X
Polk Wagner (Technical Chair) X
Henry Brauer (Past President)
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Jonathan Pollak
Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay - Suzy Leech X
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tim Gibbs
Fleet 4 Southern California – Jim Murrell
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay - Matt Braun
Fleet 6 Erie - Tim Weibel
Fleet 7 Niagara - Tim Finkle
Fleet 8 Rochester - Charles Corbishley
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Daan Goedkoop X
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff X
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Amy Neill
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound - Brad Gibbs X
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Canandaigua Finger Lakes - Anne Lambert
Fleet 19 San Francisco - Christy Usher X
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay - Al Poindexter
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman X
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ - Bob Herzog X
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Polk Wagner X
Fleet 26 Detroit - Jason Geisz
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - James Unsworth

Agenda:

1. Class Office Report
2. Worlds Update
3. Technical/Rules Report
4. Regatta Committee Report
5. Fleet Reports
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting

Description:

Chris Howell conducted a roll call of the Officers and Fleet Captains (attendance noted above).

1. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 327 members so far in 2017 (we had 408 in all of 2016). You can view 2017 members by fleet at <http://www.j70class.com/index.php/officer-and-fleets/>. We should be on track with the budget.
2. **Worlds Update** –
2017 World Championship at Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo OT, Italy, September 12-16, 2017: 65 boats are registered, and a few more are expected.
2018 World Championship at Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead, MA, September 22-29, 2018:
Daan said that Doug Morgan is the Regatta Chair. The PRO and Jury are secured, and the local

committee is working now to plan for measurement (similar to San Francisco). Sponsors are being solicited. Keep up with the qualifying at <http://www.j70class.com/index.php/event-calendar2/>. The summer season should be excellent as people are trying to qualify.

3. **Technical/Rules Report** – Polk Wagner, the USJ70CA Technical Chair, welcomes your feedback on any technical areas at pwagner@law.upenn.edu. Polk summarized the following: World Sailing has approved the clerical changes to the J/70 Class Rules. The new version with these changes is now posted on World Sailing's website at <http://www.sailing.org/33242.php> and on the IJ70CA website at <http://www.j70ica.org/class-office-rules>. The next step will be for the IJ70CA to consider a set of additional changes as part of the annual review of Class Rules (ex. jib sheet attachments, clarifications to Event Rules). A number of ideas have been suggested from various quarters. The Technical Committee will come up with a list of any recommended changes, then bring them to the International Executive Committee, and ultimately seek a vote of the Class membership if there is a decision to go forward, which would take effect in 2018. The online FAQ was updated in February and has been posted since then. Refer to it, as your questions arise.
4. **Regatta Committee Report** – Proposals for the 2018 Midwinters were received from Coral Reef YC in Miami, Davis Island YC in Tampa, Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas and Long Beach YC in California. The Regatta Committee selected Coral Reef YC in Miami from February 23-25, 2018 in an effort to change the event from the Tampa/St. Pete area. Davis Island will continue their Winter Series. There is no Key West Race Week in 2018, although there is talk of having a weekend event (i.e., J/Fest) in Key West following the Lauderdale to Key West Race, which ends on a Thursday. Feedback is being sought to determine the viability of this idea, so please seek some reaction from your fleets. Kristen noted that Martin Luther King Day allows an extra day that most people don't need to take off work.

Proposals for the 2018 Corinthian National Championship were received from Edgewater YC in Cleveland, Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas and St. Francis YC in San Francisco. The Regatta Committee selected Fort Worth Boat Club in Texas with the goal of having the event away from the East Coast after two years there. The dates are April 26-29, 2018. This coincides well with the 2018 North American Championship from May 14-20 at Club de Vela La Peña A.C. in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.

The Class Office issued a Request for Proposal for the 2019 NAC and 2019/2020 CNC with a deadline of June 30, 2017. The goal is to secure our major Championships multiple years in advance.

5. **Fleet Reports** –

Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay Suzy Leech: NYYC is having a one-design regatta, and 13 boats are signed up for this weekend. The dates may shift next year. The Youth Championship is part of J/Fest New England in August. Suzy sought clarification on the yacht club membership required, so this will need to be researched. Be sure your local youth teams are checking out the details on the J/Boats website J/70 page. Kristen will be there on a power boat so let her know if you want to spectate. The International Women's Keelboat Championship is in Mexico this August, so encourage your local women's teams to apply. The highest US team qualifies for the Sailing League in Europe.

Fleet 4 Southern California Craig Tallman: Three junior teams were at the San Diego NOOD, with 20+ boats overall. Long Beach Race Week is coming up. Overall, participation is stable.

Fleet 9 Marblehead Daan Goedkoop: The season is getting started with clinics and a spring series. They are focused on their regional qualifying, including the NOOD which is expected to have a big fleet. The Corinthian Nationals is at Buzzards Bay, and then the Ted Hood Regatta should have 15+ boats.

Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff: Although they are not growing, excitement is high for the youth. Dave Ullman has been supportive to the kids and the fleet. Their spring regatta should see 9-10 boats, and some locals will be travelling around to qualify for Worlds.

Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound Brad Gibbs: Boats are going in the water, and June will see about 17 days of racing. Their members will be travelling to area events.

Fleet 19 San Francisco Christy Usher: The fleet wants to establish By-Laws...if anyone can forward an example, she would appreciate the help. She also wants to establish a crew board...ideas are welcome. The Rolex Big Boat Series is in September, and charter boats are available. The Pacific Coast Championship is a Worlds qualifier. There are about 25 boats in the Bay. Christy would like to establish a women's roster for networking purposes, etc. Follow Fleet 19 on Instagram and Facebook.

Fleet 22 Cedar Point Josh Goldman: The one-design regatta is this weekend, including a North Sails clinic. The fleet has grown by 1 member, with 8-9 boats total (most go out racing regularly).

Fleet 24 Cape May NJ Bob Herzog: Racing starts in three weeks with the Dead Crab Regatta.

Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Polk Wagner: Racing starts in two weeks. There are 11 boats there. Local racing is twice a week. The fleet holds development days, and they need to cultivate a deeper crew pool. They've tried boards and social media, but are seeking new ideas.

Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay Kristen Robinson: The NOOD had a nice fleet and high winds. They hold some family-oriented events and are supporting the youth teams.

6. **New Business** – Chris said that the North Americans has 21 boats on the list for the October event in Rye, NY. They will cap the list at 100 boats so sign up early.
7. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. EDT (changed from 9/5)

Julie Howell

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. EDT