

# US J/70 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/2/19

**Start:** 7:05 p.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 7:50 p.m. EST

## **Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell **X**  
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)  
Jim Murrell (President) **X**  
Scott Deardorff (Vice President) **X**  
Al Poindexter (Secretary)  
Ed Austin (Treasurer) **X**  
Polk Wagner (Technical Chair) **X**  
Henry Brauer (Past President) **X**  
Brian Keane (incoming Treasurer)  
John Heaton (incoming Technical Chair)  
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Mike McNamara **X**  
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tod Sackett **X**  
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper  
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison **X**  
Fleet 7 Eastern Great Lakes - Tim Finkle  
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Kathy 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  
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg  
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin **X**  
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - Brad Gibbs  
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt  
Fleet 19 San Francisco – Christy Usher  
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay – Kelly Gray **X**  
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  
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Scott Sellers  
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover **X**  
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - Vivien Allan  
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay –Pamela Rose

## **Agenda:**

1. Office & Copyright Holder Reports
2. Technical Report
3. 2020 Budget Proposal and Approval
4. Election of Officers
5. 2020 Championship Updates
6. New Business
7. 2020 Meeting Dates

## **Description:**

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

1. **Office & Copyright Holder Reports** – Chris reported that the US Class had 392 2019 members, including 73 Group 3 members and 19 Associates. Jim asked everyone to think about what we can do to sustain our Class after such a strong start since the boat was introduced.
2. **Technical Report** – Polk summarized the 2020 Rules proposals are posted at [http://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Rules-Change-Proposals.Final\\_.pdf](http://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Rules-Change-Proposals.Final_.pdf), which will be voted upon at the December 11<sup>th</sup> IJ70CA Annual Meeting. These are almost entirely clean-up items. The few items of note are: an optional “one-pro” division at events, scored as a subset (can be enacted by Organizing Authorities), fire extinguishers being required on all boats regardless of whether using petrol or electric motors, and clarifying language on the tightening of lifelines. It is expected that

all of the proposals will be approved by the IJ70CA and World Sailing, to be effective in 2020 (exact date TBD based on World Sailing's timeline). Scott will participate on behalf of the USA at the World Council Meeting and vote in favor.

3. **2020 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2019 and Budget 2020. Funds from the Group 3 members were used for Corinthian perpetual trophies/cases for the Midwinter and Corinthian National Championships and to sponsor the Corinthian Nationals. It is budgeted to offer sponsorship to the 2020 Corinthian National Championship. Chris summarized that the IJ70CA has never yet charged NCAs for memberships. Unfortunately, the IJ70CA had such a low year of royalty tag sales (true among many one-design Classes). Therefore, the IJ70CA will start charging NCAs \$20.00 per Full member beginning in 2020. The 2020 budget reflects this new process, bringing our US dues to \$120.

*Jim Murrell made a motion to accept the Budget/P&L as presented, seconded by Scott Deardorff. The motion passed unanimously*

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

President: Scott Deardorff, CA

Vice President: Ed Austin, NJ

Secretary: Al Poindexter, TX

Treasurer: Brian Keane, MA

Technical Chair: John Heaton, IL

*Mike McNamara made a motion to accept the Slate as presented, seconded by Josh Goldman. The motion passed unanimously.*

Thank you Jim Murrell!

5. **2020 Championship Updates** –

*-2020 Midwinter Championship, February 20-23, Coral Reef YC, Miami, FL: The NOR is posted, and registration open.*

*-2020 Corinthian US National Championship, June 11-14, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA: Henry said many of the same organizers are involved as were for the 2018 Worlds. Hank Stuart is the PRO. Fun ideas are being discussed for the social side.*

*-2020 World Championship, July 27-August 1, California Yacht Club, Marina Del Ray, CA: Let Jim know if you can charter your boat! Invitations for qualified US entrants will be sent around December 10. A solicitation for petitioners has been issued, and the US Executive Committee will rank these individuals to fill any un-used spots. Check out the US calendar for many events in the CYC area through this winter and into summer.*

*-2020 North American Championship, September 20-27, Port Credit YC, Toronto: The NOR is almost complete...stay tuned.*

Looking ahead:

*-2021 North American Championship, May 13-16, Annapolis YC, MD*

*-2021 Corinthian US National Championship, September 16-19, Cedar Point YC, Westport, CT*

*-2021 World Championship, October 18-23, Yacht Club de Monaco: The event may be open, but this is not yet finalized.*

*-2022 Corinthian US National Championship, dates TBD, Bayview YC, Detroit, MI*

*-2022 World Championship, September, Newport, RI*

*-2022 North American Championship, October 31-November 6, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL*

6. **New Business** –

*Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay Mike McNamara: The Turkey Bowl was a fun Fleet event. Ideas to rekindle participation is encouraged.*

*Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central Tod Sackett: The NAC in Cleveland was epic! It is unfortunate more people didn't come.*

*Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay Clark Dennison: They grew quickly at the start but have*

contracted, and therefore trying to Fleet build.

*Fleet 9 Marblehead Kathy Andreasen:* Their fleet awards was well attended. 2019 regatta attendance was down a bit from the Worlds year of 2018, but with Corinthian Nationals in 2020, it should rebound. The Fleet will be represented at the Davis Island Winter Series, and they had a team at last week's Youth Nationals.

*Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club James Mitchell:* Participation is increasing.

*Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff:* Their final season regatta is this weekend. Ten boats attended the Halloween regatta. There is a new boat there out of the factory.

*Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound Ed Austin:* The HPR had 10 boats which closed their season. Two or three new boats are in the area, and overall they are stable.

*Fleet 20 Galveston Bay Kelly Gray:* The Southwest Championship was in October.

*Fleet 22 Cedar Point Josh Goldman:* Ten competitive boats attended their One-Design Regatta. They are challenged to get boats out of the parking lot regularly.

*Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Polk Wagner:* Their 2020 challenge will be to keep the level of enthusiasm up following this year's Corinthian Nationals. Polk hopes to get more people traveling with their boats.

*Fleet 26 Detroit Don Glover:* Attendance is pretty good for the larger events, although it's hard to keep everyone engaged among the various yacht clubs on a regular basis.

Chris noted that 21 entrants will attend the first Miami Winter Series event and 47 at Davis Island (dry sail spots sold out). Even higher numbers are expected in January.

Scott looks forward to working with everyone and exchanging ideas.

**7. 2020 Meeting Dates** – 3/2/20, 6/2/20, 8/31/20, 11/30/20 (AGM)

**Action Items:**

--The Class Office will send 2020 membership renewal invoices.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 EST