

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/16/15

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:35 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Henry Brauer (President) X
Jennifer Wulff (Vice President) X
Craig Tallman (Secretary) X
Scott Deardorff (Treasurer) X
Frank McNamara (Technical Chair) X
Joe Colling (Past President) X
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Ray Wulff X
Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay - Suzy Leech
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Joe Colling X
Fleet 4 Southern California – Dave Viereggs X
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay - Blake Kimbrough X
Fleet 6 Erie - Tim Weibel
Fleet 7 Niagara - Justin Hays for Tim Finkle X
Fleet 8 Rochester - Charles Corbishley X
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Ted Johnson X
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell X
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff X
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker X
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Amy Neill X
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Dan Goldberg for Ed Austin X
Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound - Clem Wood for John Brim X
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Canandaigua Finger Lakes - Jan Richmond
Fleet 19 San Francisco - Justin Kromelow X
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay - Alfred Poindexter X
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point - Bill Walker X
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel X

Agenda:

1. Class Office Report
2. President's Report
3. Regatta Committee Report
4. Technical Report
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting

Description:

Chris Howell conducted a roll call of the Officers and Fleet Captains (attendance noted above). He asked each participant to identify him/herself plus the fleet when speaking.

1. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the Class has 278 members so far in 2015. There is roughly \$34,000 in the bank. Last year we had 350 members, so everything is on track for this time of year.
2. **President's Report** – Henry appealed to the Fleet Captains to make sure that their fleet members are current for 2015. Chris added that everyone can “View Members” on the “Officers & Fleets” tab of the website to see real-time membership status. Henry recapped that the Class announced last month the suspension of a USJ70CA member following much research deliberation by our Class and the IJ70CA. The suspension stemmed from a measurement violation including keel wedges at Key West Race Week, and subsequent “un-sportsman like conduct.” The crew members

were not suspended as they are not Class members. Henry continued with news that the 2016 World Championship in San Francisco has been announced as an open event, following a decision by the IJ70CA. The J/70 is slated to be the boat of choice for the upcoming US Sailing Adult Championship and the International Women's Keelboat Championship. He thanked Jenn and Frank for their work on their respective committees. Al asked about the effect of the open Worlds on this year's Regional Championships. Chris stated that the Regional Championships are still the same events, but they just are not qualifiers anymore. Ted wondered if there are any requirements of participation for the 2016 Worlds? Henry clarified that the J/70 Rules apply: ownership and membership as described in C.3.2 LIMITATIONS ON THE DRIVER. At the 2014 Worlds, the NOR required owners only.

3. **Regatta Committee Report** – Jenn recapped that the Regatta Committee has worked on items such as setting the Regional Championship rotation. She clarified that the rotation lists the fleet as the point of contact, but coordination among neighboring fleets is encouraged. She is excited that the West Coast fleets will be boosted by the open Worlds. Jenn is talking with Liz Walker of US Sailing to discuss their events in the J/70. A request for proposal is now out for Midwinters 2016. There has been some doubt about the future of Key West Race Week, and an announcement is expected soon. Many people still desire to attend KWRW, but a stand-alone Midwinters is also desirable. Fleets with interest in hosting major events should reach out to Chris and Jenn. The Committee is putting together as many details as possible about shipping J/70s to and from France for the World Championship. If you would like information or if you have shipping information to share, please contact the Class Office at howell@j70office.com.
4. **Technical Report** – Frank, Ned Jones and Chris met to discuss beefing up local measurer activity. Fleet Captains were asked to review the Measurer list currently online, and advise any updates to the Class Office. Once that list is made current, the Measurers can meet by phone to discuss future initiatives such as templates, boat weights, etc. Chris is working on a few updates to the measurement certificate. Frank receives many questions from members about what can and can't be done to the boat. He sees the Class set-up as protecting the one-design integrity of the boat. Chris added that they are compiling Frequently Asked Questions, which will be posted online. Bill asked about the process to become a Measurer, and Chris explained that it may involve weighing boats and a readiness to conduct measurements as needed on the local level. The most desirable quality is willingness! Frank created a checklist that was used in Fleet 9, and the IJ70CA website also has resources. A measurement manual could also be created. Chris summarized the Rules as follows: The J70 Class Rules effective April 1, 2015 are posted at http://www.j70ica.org/?page_id=271. This document only references three of the Rule changes: C.3.1a, C.3.3e and C.7.2l, which were passed by the World Council last year. The Rules marked with a line on the left indicate the final language as approved by ISAF. ISAF approved no change to the support boat rule, and the two final changes (trailing edge and safety lines) are still under wording review (therefore these two Rules are in effect as currently written).
5. **New Business** – N/A
6. **Next Meeting**– Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Julie Howell

Action Items:

- Fleet Captains will review the Measurer list currently online.
- Chris and the Technical Committee are compiling Frequently Asked Questions, which will be posted online.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. EDT