

J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/9/19

Start: 7:35 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. EDT

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell **X**
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)
Jim Murrell (President)
Scott Deardorff (Vice President) **X**
Al Poindexter (Secretary)
Ed Austin (Treasurer)
Polk Wagner (Technical Chair) **X**
Henry Brauer (Past President)
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Mike McNamara
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tod Sackett **X**
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper **X**
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison
Fleet 6 Erie - Tim Weibel
Fleet 7 Niagara - Tim Finkle
Fleet 8 Rochester - Charles Corbishley
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Kathy 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 – Adam Bowen **X**
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - 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 – Kelly Gray **X**
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ - Bob Herzog **X**
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Scott Sellers
Fleet 26 Detroit – Mike Welch
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - Vivien Allan **X**
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Joe Kolisch & Pamela Rose **X**

Agenda:

1. President's Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Fleet Merge
4. Technical Report
5. Major Championship Updates
6. New Business
7. Officers
8. Annual Meeting

Description:

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

1. **President's Report** – Jim had a flight delay so was unable to make the call.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 380 members so far in 2019, including 71 Group 3 members and 17 Associates. He shared that the Corinthian Nationals last month saw epic conditions in Harbor Springs, MI.
3. **Fleet Merge** – Chris recapped that we had 28 Fleets, however our Constitution requires 10 boats represented by Active Members for a Fleet to have Voting rights. We have several areas where there are neighboring Fleets under the 10-boat threshold. You can view members by Fleet at

<http://j70class.com/class-office/fleet-contacts/>. Fleets 2 and 16 merged into “Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport.” Fleets 6,7,8 and 18 will also be merging into “Eastern Great Lakes.”

4. **Technical Report** – Polk said the Worlds inspection recently concluded in the UK, with very few compliance issues (nothing major). This is very encouraging. Look for a few clean-up Rules proposals later this year, as well as some improvements to our standard NOR and SI templates. Chris added that the jibs have become more consistent. Sail royalty tag sales are down this year, presumably due to longer lasting sails. The downside is that this is affecting the IJ70CA budget negatively so there could be a dues increase internationally (this should not affect USJ70CA dues).
5. **Major Championship Updates** –
 - 2019 North American Championship, September 22-29, Edgewater YC, Cleveland, OH: Tod said there is a great structure put in place on and off the water. 40+ boats are expected, so logistics should be smooth. You can still come!
 - 2020 Midwinter Championship, February 20-23, Coral Reef YC, Miami, FL: Chris stated that the NOR is getting fine-tuned now, and there will be some new preferential treatment for Corinthians. Pamela shared that the social aspect will be immediately following racing (snacks and debriefs), as opposed to formal dinners. She invited everyone to the Round the Island Race in November. Joe found a boat storage location within 5 miles of Coconut Grove for out-of-town boats to locate between races (Ian Robinson, 248-721-1465, gold2020@aim.com), in addition to Shake a Leg. Adam recalled that the dinner at the last Midwinters was excellent, although lightly attended. Pamela explained they are working on the educational component more for 2020.
 - 2020 Corinthian US National Championship, June 11-14, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA
 - 2020 World Championship, July 27-August 2, California Yacht Club, Marina Del Ray, CA: Bruce described that they are planning a West Coast Winter Series (similar to the DIYC Series in that you can store rig-up) and other pre-Worlds events...more details to be posted soon.
 - 2020 North American Championship, September 20-27, Port Credit YC, Toronto
 - 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
 - 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** – Joe asked for suggestions on building Fleets. Bruce suggested having the J/70 visible in your yacht club racing, whether in one-design or PHRF. Everyone will see smiling faces and how easy it is to sail, especially as crew. This is a grassroots effort of getting people on the boats. Vivien recommends that J/Boats dealers host a barbecue/demo day. Pamela wondered about partnering Fleets who winter in Florida. Bruce continued that it’s vital to register early for events to build momentum (i.e., for NOOD Regattas). When people see the J/70s as the largest fleet, it boosts our brand. Chris explained that J/Boats has a new-boat package for \$49,900 right now (promo to be included with the minutes).
7. **Officers** – Thank you to Jim Murrell who has served as President for his two-year term + completing the vacated position of the previous President. Current Officers are planned to move up after a vote at the Annual Meeting. A new Officer will also need to be identified.
8. **Annual Meeting** – Monday, December 2 at 7:00 EST

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 EST