

# J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/2/2020

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

**Adjourn:** 7:35 p.m. EST

## **Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell **X**  
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)  
Scott Deardorff (President) **X**  
Ed Austin (Vice President) **X**  
Al Poindexter (Secretary)  
Brian Keane (Treasurer) **X**  
John Heaton (Technical Chair) **X**  
Jim Murrell (Past President)  
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Mike McNamara **X**  
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tod Sackett  
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper **X**  
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 **X**  
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 18 Sag Harbor – Sean Elliott  
Fleet 19 San Francisco – Christy Usher **X**  
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay – Kelly Gray  
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay  
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 – Polk Wagner for Scott Sellers  
**X**  
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover  
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - Vivien Allan  
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Pamela Rose **X**

## **Agenda:**

1. President's Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Technical Report
4. Major Championship Updates
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. **President's Report** – Scott welcomed everyone to the first 2020 Fleet Captains meeting. It will be a busy year in the USA with the Worlds in California. Be sure to keep up with the IJ70CA online Documents page for regular technical updates: <http://j70ica.org/class-office-rules/>
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 267 members so far in 2020, including 73 Group 3 members, 11 Helmspersons and 11 Associates. Welcome to a new Fleet from Sag Harbor!
3. **Technical Report** – John said the new Rules are posted, although most of the changes are non-substantial. Two items of note: fire extinguishers are required on all boats (regardless of the engine

type) + the clarification on the lifeline lashing. From the Midwinters, John recapped that an online self-compliance form was used. There were a few main sheet stops out of compliance with the Builders Specs. Another boat had a repainted deck, removing the non-skid on the foredeck. The owner will be bringing the boat back into compliance. A few rudder straps broke, and J/Boats is working on the fix, perhaps using the design from the French builder. It isn't an exact fit, but there would be a retrofit. Rest assured that this is being addressed. Scott added that our Rules have an option in Section I allowing OAs to implement a one-pro division for scoring/prizes.

#### 4. **Major Championship Updates** –

- 2020 Corinthian US National Championship, June 11-14, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA: Kathy said 10 boats are registered, and the maximum is 60. Promote and sign up!
- 2020 World Championship, July 27-August 1, California Yacht Club, Marina Del Ray, CA: Jim asked Fleet Captains to spread the word that we need charter boats ([jimmurrell30@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmurrell30@hotmail.com)). The registration is at its maximum participation. There are many tune-up events. See <https://secureservercdn.net/166.62.107.204/1ze.905.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2020-World-lead-up-schedule.pdf>
- 2020 North American Championship, September 20-27, Port Credit YC, Toronto: The Notice of Race is posted and registration open.
- 2021 Midwinter Championship: TBD
- 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/October, Newport, RI
- 2022 North American Championship, October 31-November 6, St. Pete YC, St. Petersburg, FL

#### 5. **Fleet Reports** –

*Fleet 1 Annapolis Mike McNamara:* The NOOD is in May, and charter boats are needed. Look for the NOR for 2021 North Americans soon. Sponsors are needed.

*Fleet 4 Southern California Bruce Cooper:* Their Midwinters just concluded at Cal YC with 16 entries. Boats were stored throughout the Series rig-up. 15 boats are signed up for the San Diego NOOD, followed by Yachting Cup, Cal Race Week, Long Beach Race Week, Fiesta Cup and Pre-Worlds.

*Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay Clark Dennison:* They'll be working with Fleet 1 on joint events.

*Fleet 9 Marblehead Kathy Andreasen:* The Marblehead NOOD is the New England Championship, followed by the Ted Hood Regatta. Several Fleet members plan to attend the NAC in Toronto.

*Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club James Mitchell:* They have a Southwest Circuit (4 stops), and all are invited. The NOR will be published shortly.

*Fleet 11 Santa Barbara Scott Deardorff:* A brand new boat was on the water Saturday. Their mid-week racing is the most popular.

*Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan Steve Knoop:* 17 boats are in the area, and they've been focusing on local participation, including the Chicago NOOD and Verve Cup.

*Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound Ed Austin:* Stop by for the American Yacht Club Spring Series in late April/early May. Fall is busy with the HPR and American Yacht Club Fall Series.

*Fleet 19 San Francisco Christy Usher:* There are a few new skippers in the Fleet. The J/70s will have a fleet at the Rolex Big Boat Series.

*Fleet 22 Cedar Point Josh Goldman:* Their big event is the Cedar Point One-Design Regatta in June. They hope for one or two new members this year.

*Fleet 24 Cape May NJ Jack Lord:* The East Coast Championship is June 20-21, and 20-25 boats are expected. They have seven boats locally now but expect to get to 10.

*Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Polk Wagner:* The season begins mid-June, and the highlight event is the Ugotta Regatta in late July. The Fleet is stable at 9 boats.

*Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay Pamela Rose:* The Midwinters just concluded, and Bacardi Race Week is getting underway. Although the Fleet is not growing, they are busy with traveling teams coming through.

6. **New Business** – Scott suggested Fleet Captains come to the next meeting with ideas on Fleet building.
7. **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 EDT

**Action Items:**

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