

# US J/70 Class Association Fleet Captain Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6/24/2024

**Start:** 7:08 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 7:42 p.m. EDT

## **Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell **X**  
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder)  
Al Poindexter (President) **X**  
Brian Keane (Vice President) **X**  
John Heaton (Secretary)  
Cate Muller-Terhune (Treasurer) **X**  
Dina Kowalyszyn (Technical Chair)  
Ed Austin (Past President) **X**  
Fleet 1 Annapolis – Paul Green **X**  
Fleet 2 Wayzata – Sean Hendrickson  
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Ted Pinkerton  
Fleet 4 Southern California – Bruce Cooper  
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay – Clark Dennison  
Fleet 6 Cohasset, MA – Charlie Henry  
Fleet 7 Eastern Great Lakes - Tim Finkle  
Fleet 8 Solomons Island - Larry Ray  
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Patrick Andreasen  
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell **X**  
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff  
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker  
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Will Howard  
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg  
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Jean-Marc Papin  
Fleet 16 Fishers Island/Newport - Brad Gibbs  
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Ron Rosenberg **X**  
Fleet 18 Sag Harbor – Jim Vos  
Fleet 19 San Francisco – David Fried  
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay – Kelly Gray  
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Crawford Phillips **X**  
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Josh Goldman  
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Knoop **X**  
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ – Jack Lord  
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs – Sean O’Brien **X**  
Fleet 26 Detroit – Don Glover  
Fleet 28 Biscayne Bay – Ryan McKillen

## **Agenda:**

1. President’s Report
2. Class Office Report
3. Technical Report
4. Championship Updates
5. Fleet Roundtable
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting

## **Description:**

1. **President’s Report** – Al congratulated *Black Mamba* for winning the NAC in Mexico! The Class calendar is very active. He noted the Corinthian Nationals in Cape May in September and our inaugural US Nationals in Fort Worth in November (more details on each below). The NAC rotates among Mexico and Canada also, so hopefully people can enjoy these two US-based Championships in 2024. A Request for Proposal was just submitted to members via e-mail...we look forward to enthusiastic hosts! It’s important for us to rotate our events geographically. Feedback from the membership to the Executive Committee is always welcome!
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the US Class has 271 members so far in 2024, including 61 Group 3, 18 Helm and 6 Associate (2023 total was 335). Remember to confirm

membership at your local/regional regattas! Welcome new Fleet 21 Edgartown Captain Crawford Phillips!

3. **Technical Report** – The Technical Committee is reviewing feedback on boat blistering. There are no Rules proposals at this time, but we can expect maybe two to three IJ70CA clarifications later this year.

4. **Championship Updates** –

--2024 Corinthian US National Championship, Corinthian YC, Cape May, NJ, September 6-8: 19 boats are entered, more expected, early registration deadline is July 31

--2024 World Championship, Real Club Náutico de Palma, Spain, September 14-21: fully prescribed at 99 boats

--2024 US National Championship, Fort Worth BC, TX, November 6-9: nine boats are registered, get on the list!

--2025 Midwinter Championship, Shake-A-Leg Miami FL, March 27-30

--2025 North American Championship, Pensacola YC, Pensacola, FL, April 24-27

--2025 Mixed Plus World Championship, Circolo Vela Torbole, Italy, June 26-29

--2025 World Championship, Yacht Club Argentino Buenos Aires, October 24-November 1

--2025 Corinthian World Championship, Eastern YC, Marblehead, MA, September 22-28: the IJ70CA is still deciding on the entry process (looking to be some sort of petition process to ensure international participation, but more open for USA)

A 2025 Mixed Plus US National Championship is being coordinated in Seattle, WA in mid-June...more details to come soon.

--2026 Corinthian World Championship, Union Nautique/Club La Pelle, Marseilles France, May 23-30

--2026 World Championship, Clube Naval de Cascais Portugal, August 28-September 5

The 2026 North American Championship is pending approval of the IJ70CA for Annapolis Yacht Club, October 27-November 1.

5. **Fleet Roundtable** –

*Fleet 1 Annapolis Paul Green:* 17 boats were out for last Thursday night's racing, including many families. Weekend participation has improved this year. Mini clinics were well attended. Look for Fleet 1 members at the Screwpile and Corinthian Nationals.

*Fleet 9 Marblehead Ed Austin:* Racing has started a little slowly this year, maybe due to the Newport/Bermuda Race. Jud Smith is holding a clinic next weekend. Their two big local events are the Ted Hood Regatta and HHSW Regatta Series.

*Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club James Mitchell:* come down to Cow Town for US Nationals!

*Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest Ron Rosenberg:* Anacortes Race Week is underway, and J/Fest was a couple weeks ago. The Fleet is up to 49 boats! There are 10 people looking to buy, so send any leads to Ron. Thank you all for your support already. He noted average used boat pricing: \$35,000 low-end, but most \$45,000-50,000+. Remember to push coaching and improvement amongst your fleets! Getting on the road is the foundation for enthusiasm.

*Fleet 21 Edgartown Crawford Phillips:* Nine boats in the harbor, with four racing regularly. Retention is a challenge. Brian offered to come over for a club race clinic. Great idea, thank you Brian!

*Fleet 23 Tampa Bay Steve Knoop:* Steve recently joined Davis Island YC. He is working to secure better storage onsite. Regarding the DIYC Winter Series, he expects registration to open July 1, with storage available for the first 40 boats. He had a discouraging call with St. Petersburg YC regarding their fleet of J/70s, which they are not willing to work with the Class for its use/chartering.

*Fleet 25 Harbor Springs Sean O'Brien:* Seven boats are racing twice weekly. 18 boats are currently signed up for the Ugotta Regatta.

6. **New Business** – N/A

7. **Next Meeting** – Monday, August 26 @ 7:00 p.m. EDT

**Action Items:**

--Brian and Crawford will discuss a possible clinic in Fleet 21.

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