

J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting

14 October 2026

7:00pm - 8:30pm EST

- Please mute unless speaking
- Zoom Sidebar Chat Available
- Presentation available as PDF on class website calendar at this link:
<https://j109.org/event/j-109-class-2026-annual-meeting/>

Agenda – 2026 Annual Meeting

1. Welcome - Call meeting to order and vote to accept [last annual meeting minutes](#) - Class Secretary
2. President's report on 2026 accomplishments - Class President
3. Finance Report - Class Treasurer
 - Current year financial report projected to year end
 - Proposed budget for next year
 - Report of annual IRS filing
4. Class Measurers Report
5. Reports from Fleet representatives & Member at Large - Class Secretary
6. 2026 North American Championship - Class President
7. Future North American Championships - Class President
 - 2027 Block Island Race Week (June 21-25)
 - 2028 TBD
 - Proposed Schedule for 2027 class events
8. Other new business and discussion

Welcome

John Greifzu Jr.

Class Officers

- President - Dan Nash *Mistral* #71
- Vice President – Ray Douglas *Courageous* #224
- Secretary – John Greifzu Jr. *Growth Spurt* #261
- Treasurer – Don Irion *FULL Tilt* #200
- Class Measurer – Bill Kneller *Vento Solare* #266
- At-Large Member – Bud Rogers *Big Boat* #360
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats President

Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting [posted on website](#) - Vote to accept

President's Report

Dan Nash

Recap of 2026

- High level recap of J109 racing
- Overview of boats racing one design in 2026
 - Strong turnouts at East Coast and Great Lakes events
 - Pequot J109 Invitational 9 Boats consistent with prior years
 - North American Championship New Bedford 6 Boats
 - Distance races - The J109 continues to be an excellent, competitive platform - include Around Block Island, Stamford-Vineyard and ILDR, Chicago/Bayview Mac
 - Weeknight - 6 active at Pequot and 3 in Newport
 - STC IOR collegiate regatta one design class
- Efforts underway to increase participation
 - Held the J109 clinic/regatta 2nd year at Pequot which was well received (9 boats)
 - Dock talk for boat tune and sail trim
 - Eliminated intimidation factor
 - It takes every boat owner to get involved
 - Continue interest in PHRF and Distance racing for the J109

Finance Report ([Link Here](#))

Don Irion

J109 Class Association Financial Details as of 9/30/2026

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Projected	2027 Proposed Budget	Basis for Proposed Budget
INCOME								
Class Dues	3,750	3,450	2,825	3,200	2,750	2,150	2,000	Dropped from 63 in 2025 to 45 in 2026
Interest Income	14	10	15	342	1,000	990	1,000	Earnings from \$25K in T-Bills started Nov., 2025
Sail Tag income	920	920	1,080	1,200	1,200	760	900	Dropped from 30 in 2025 to 19 in 2026
Class Sponsorships	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Regatta Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL J109 Class Income	4,684	4,380	3,920	4,742	4,950	3,900	3,900	
EXPENSES								
Admin Expenses	38	0	0	320	250	454	250	Postage, supplies, sail tag reorder, Quicken, oth
Paypal and Bank Fees	204	185	170	142	250	145	200	Paypal Fees and investment account fee
Organizational Dues	0	0	250	0	250	0	0	US Sailing Class Dues
Regatta Expenses	4,000	4,000	1,350	6,589	5,500	3,665	6,000	East Coast and N.A. Championships
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Trophies	925	925	0	0	0	0	0	
Website hosting and security	39	0	0	1,085	750	800	800	
TOTAL J109 Class Expenses	5,207	5,110	1,770	8,136	7,000	5,064	7,250	
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(523)	(730)	2,150	(3,394)	(2,050)	(1,164)	(3,350)	Net Income (Expense)
BALANCES								
J/109 Class Acct XX9259	28,954	28,950	30,238	9,379	9,001	2,944	2,000	
PayPal	4,995	4,691	6,231	115	202	1,947	1,000	
New J/109 Class Investment Acc	0	0	0	25,134	25,000	28,220	26,500	
TOTAL BALANCE	33,948	33,641	36,469	34,628	34,203	33,111	29,500	

Class Measurer's Report

Bill Kneller

During 2026 the Class Measurer and the Technical Committee worked on the following:

- **Lithium-Ion batteries** were discussed on the forum as a follow on the the 2025 annual meeting with a [post by Dan Corcoran](#). At the 2025 meeting, Dan was provided time afterwards with those who desired to remain online for discussion. He solicited support to gain at least 20 members that would lead to a vote. With only 4 positive responses over the past year this topic is considered closed.
- **Boat inspection at the NA Championship** went well with no major issues found. Admin issues included:
 - Lack of Clubspot Admin Access by New Bedford YC created much work - never again!
 - The Clubspot registration system automated reports emailed by NBYC had incorrect World Sailing classification data - alternate system (Crew Manager) used
 - Recurring problem - Last minute Sail Tag registrations and associated Declarations
 - Late crew declarations and associated World Sailing categorizations remains a tedious task the Class Measurer needs to remind registered competitors.
 - Thanks to Chris Tutmark (US Sailing ORC Measurer) & Ted Herlihy on boat inspections
- Thanks to Tom & Diana Sutton, former owners *Leading Edge* for donating a rudder (Dan Nash has it)

Fleet Representative Reports

John Greifzu Jr.

Fleet Name	Fleet Captain	Hailing Port	Phone
FLEET # 1: Pacific Northwest - Includes OR, WA, AK, Western Canada	Jerry A. Woodfield (Hull #44 SHADA)	Seattle	206.618.2487
FLEET # 2: New Jersey - Includes NJ coast	Merged with Fleet #10		
FLEET # 3: California & Hawaii - Includes CA, HI	Bob Little (Hull #308 BLUE CRUSH)	Long Beach, Alamitos Bay	562-533-3979
FLEET # 4: Chesapeake Bay & Southeast - Delaware Bay to Chesapeake Bay and East Coast South to Miami			
FLEET # 5: Texas & Gulf Coast - Includes TX, LA, MS, AL, FL West of Miami	Andy Wescoat (Hull #45 HARM'S WAY)	Kemah	832-458-2105
FLEET # 6: New England & Maritimes - RI, MA, ME, Canada East of Lake Ontario	Bill Kneller (Hull #203 VENTO SOLARE)	Newport	401-225-2271
FLEET # 7: United Kingdom & Ireland - Includes UK & IRL	Simon Perry (Hull #231 JIRAFFE)	Hamble	
FLEET # 8: Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg - Includes NED, BEL, LUX	Arnout Jorritsma (Hull #133 MAJIC)	Lelystad	+31 06-810078169
FLEET # 9: France - Includes France with its Mediterranean border	Philippe Barouch (Hull #859 J-FLIES)	Pomic	
FLEET # 10: Long Island Sound - NYC, Hudson River and LIS bordering NY & CT	John Greifzu, Jr. (Hull #261 Growth Spurt)	Stamford	203-249-9131
FLEET # 11: Great Lakes & Lake Champlain - Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair & Lake Champlain	Ray Douglas (Hull #244 COURAGEOUS)	Chicago	224-475-6303
FLEET # 12: Pacific Rim - Includes AUS, NZL and Western Pacific	Carl Braden (Hull #148 BLUE SKY)	Sydney	+61 416093215
FLEET # 14: Europe - Europe exclusive of FRA, UK & IRL, NED, BEL, LUX and Med.	Ansgar Chorhummel (Hull #330 KAIORA)	Kiel	+49 172 720 7666
FLEET # 15: Mediterranean Sea - Includes Mediterranean Sea excluding France	Giorgio Anserini (Hull #86 CHESTRESS)	Porto di Roma	+39.340.234.7294

2026 North American Championship

Dan Nash

- 2026 North American Championship - New Bedford Yacht Club (Padanaram Harbor)
 - August 6-9, 2025
 - Congratulations to John Greifzu - aboard Growth Spurt (NA Overall Champions)
 - 1st Growth Spurt
 - 2nd Gut Feeling
 - 3rd Mistral
 - A total of six boats competed.
 - Event was run as part of the annual New Bedford Yacht Club annual regatta
 - Event was well run by the NBCYC race committee with a great dinner on the lawn
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- 2027 - Block Island Race Week
 - [Sign up on Yachtscoring](#) today and book your housing December 1st
- 2028 - TBD

Proposed 2027 J/109 Events

Dan Nash

- **2027 East Coast Regatta Series**
 - Pequot Yacht Club Invitational (June 5-6) - J/109 OD Class
 - New York YC Annual Regatta - (June 11-13)
 - Safe Harbor Weekend (August 13-15)
- **2027 East Coast Championship** - Safe Harbor August 13 - 15; 5 boats needed for One Design class start
- **2027 J/109 North American Championship** Block Island Race Week June 21 - 25
- **Select Additional Events with J/109 Class Racing or Larger Fleets**
 - *Long Island Sound*
 - AYC Spring Series (May 1-3)
 - STC Around Block Island Race (May 28)
 - Vineyard Race (September 3)
 - Fleet 10 Fall Classic (TBD)
 - Spring (12-13 June) & Fall (17-18 September) Off Soundings
 - *New England*
 - New York YC Annual Regatta (June 11-13)
 - Safe Harbor Weekend (East Coast Championship) August 13-15
 - Ida Lewis Distance Race (Aug. 20-21)
 - Conanicut YC ATI (Sep 5)
 - *Great Lakes*
 - Chicago NOOD (June 11-13)
 - Chicago YC Race to Mackinac (July 17)
 - Bayview YC Race to Mackinac (July 10)

Election of Class Officers

John Greifzu Jr.

Pursuant to Sections 6.13 of the J/109 Class Constitution, the Nominating Committee proposed the following Class Members to hold office for the two year period commencing 1 January 2027.

- President - Dan Nash (Mistral #71)
- Vice President - Ray Douglas (Courageous #224)
- Secretary - Ian Milward (Quicksilver #168)
- Treasurer - Don Irion (Full Tilt #200)

The following positions appointed by the Executive Board are provided for information only:

- Class Measurer & Technical Committee Lead – Cary James (Sunny Side #37)
- Assistant Class Measurer & Technical Committee (Appointed by the President) – Bill Kneller (Vento Solare #266)
- Technical Committee (Copyright Holder's representative) – Paul Adam (Firefly #149)
- At-Large Member – Bud Rogers (Big Boat #360)
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone (J/Boats President)

Voting commenced on 12 October 2026 and will close on 12 November 2026

Other New Business & Discussion

John Greifzu Jr.

- Questions, Comments, New Business and Open Discussion