

# **J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting**

22 October 2015

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New York, NY 10005

# Agenda – 2015 Annual Meeting

1. Welcome & President's report on 2015 accomplishments – Class President
2. Reports from Fleet representatives
3. Finance report and proposed 2016 budget – Class Treasurer
4. US Sailing MVP Program discounts for J/109 Class – Class Treasurer
5. North American Championship – Class President
  - 2016 Location (NYYC Race Week 12-16 July 2016)
  - European Fleet Potential Participation
  - Potential for Loaner Boats & Class insurance via Burgee Program
  - Planning for 2017 and beyond – potential for other YCs to host a dedicated event
6. Proposed Schedule for 2016 class events (Need inputs from districts before meeting) – Class Secretary
7. Proposed Fleet Redistribution so all boats are included in a fleet – Class Secretary
8. Planned website improvements for 2016 – Class Treasurer
  - Sail tag registration
  - Add fields for cell phone, work phone with check mark on preferred number, add US Sailing Number with link to persons US Sailing record, add ISAF code (for later regatta registration upgrade)
  - Forum upgrade
  - Unified login across website for membership and forum
  - Content update for PHRF and IRC ratings
  - Email tools for Executive Board
  - Feedback on existing site and other potential changes, fixes or improvements
9. Class Measurers Report
  - Rule Changes Vote on Inhauler systems
  - Vote on Bob Stay Addition
10. Other new business and discussion

# Welcome

## Class Officers to serve through 2016

- President – Jim Vos
- Vice President - Jonathan (JR) Rechtschaffer
- Secretary – Bud Rogers
- Treasurer – Bill Kneller
- Class Measurer – Rick Hanson
- At-Large Member – Ray Pepi
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone

# President's Report

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Recap of 2015

Regatta turnouts vs expectations

Class membership

Website redo/turbocharge

Used J109 trends

Can we learn anything from UK/Ireland Fleet?

# Fleet Representative Reports

Jim Vos

Fleet Name	Fleet Captain	Hailing Port	Phone
<a href="#">FLEET # 1:</a> Pacific Northwest	<a href="#">Jerry A. Woodfield</a> (Hull #44 SHADA)	Seattle	206.618.2487
<a href="#">FLEET # 2:</a> New Jersey	<a href="#">Bengt Johansson</a> (Hull #37 ZIG ZAG)	Perth Amboy	908.222.3797
<a href="#">FLEET # 3:</a> Southern California	<a href="#">Thomas Brott</a> (Hull #257 ELECTRA)	Long Beach, Alamitos Bay	714.826.3652
<a href="#">FLEET # 4:</a> Chesapeake Bay	<a href="#">Bill Sweetser</a> (Hull #51 RUSH)	Annapolis	703.626.3847
<a href="#">FLEET # 5:</a> Texas			
<a href="#">FLEET # 6:</a> New England (RI to ME)	<a href="#">Brooke Mastrorio</a> (Hull #203 URSA)	Fall River	508-345-8603
<a href="#">FLEET # 7:</a> United Kingdom & Ireland	<a href="#">Paul Griffiths</a> (Hull #5 JAGERBOMB)	Hamble	
<a href="#">FLEET # 8:</a> Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg	<a href="#">Mark van Weeren</a> (Hull #214 CTRL-J)	Muiderzand	+31 61 1234043
<a href="#">FLEET # 9:</a> France	<a href="#">Philippe Barouch</a> (Hull #859 J-FLIES)	Pomic	
<a href="#">FLEET # 10:</a> Long Island Sound (CT / NY)	<a href="#">Rick Lyall</a> (Hull #146 STORM)	Westport	212.389.5878
<a href="#">FLEET # 11:</a> Southern Lake Michigan	<a href="#">Peter Priede</a> (Hull #249 FULL TILT)	Monroe Harbor, Chicago	708.699.9025
<a href="#">FLEET # 12:</a> Galveston Bay	<a href="#">Andy Wescoat</a> (Hull #45 HARM'S WAY)	Kemah	832-458-2105
<a href="#">FLEET # 14:</a> San Francisco Bay			
<a href="#">FLEET # 15:</a> Mediterranean Sea	<a href="#">Giorgio Anserini</a> (Hull #86 CHESTRESS)	Porto di Roma	+39.340.234.7294

# Finance Report – Balance Sheet

Bill Kneller

<b>Account Balances</b>		
	12/31/2014	9/30/2015
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
J109 Class Account XX9259	\$ 12,398.05	\$ 10,046.12
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 12,398.05</b>	<b>\$ 10,046.12</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>		
Cash	\$ -	\$ -
PayPal	\$ 48.25	\$ 5,002.21
<b>TOTAL Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 48.25</b>	<b>\$ 5,002.21</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,446.30</b>	<b>\$ 15,048.33</b>

# Finance Report - Cash Flow & Budget

Bill Kneller

	12 Months 10/1/2014- 9/30/2015 2015 Actual	9 Months 1/1/2015 - 9/30/2015 2015 Actual	12 Months 2016 Budget Budget Basis
<b>INCOME</b>			
J109 Class Income			
J109 Class Income:Class Dues	3,700.00	3,650.00	3,700.00 74 @ \$50 per person
J109 Class Income:Interest Inc	16.59	13.22	15.00
J109 Class Income:Sail Tags	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>3,800.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u> 100 @ \$40 each
<b>TOTAL J109 Class Income</b>	<b>7,716.59</b>	<b>7,463.22</b>	<b>7,715.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
J109 Class Expenses			
J109 Class Expenses:Admin Expenses	54.42	38.49	300.00 Postage, supplies, sail tag reorder, etc.
J109 Class Expenses:Fee	204.90	203.15	205.00 Paypal Fees
J109 Class Expenses:Organizational Dues	142.50	0.00	150.00 US Sailing Class Dues
J109 Class Expenses:Regatta Expenses	4,025.15	4,025.15	4,000.00 Includes measurement tools, social & awards
J109 Class Expenses:Insurance	0.00	0.00	1,511.00 *(1) Burgee Program with Loaner boat insurance
J109 Class Expenses:Trophies	308.46	0.00	300.00 Replace ECC trophy lost at AYC
J109 Class Expenses:Website	<u>1,614.40</u>	<u>594.40</u>	<u>750.00</u> Web hosting and custom software updates
<b>TOTAL J109 Class Expenses</b>	<b>6,349.83</b>	<b>4,861.19</b>	<b>7,216.00</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>			
FROM PayPal	319.53	500.00	0.00
TO J109 Class Account XX9259	<u>(319.53)</u>	<u>(500.00)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL (Income-Expenses)</b>	<b>1,366.76</b>	<b>2,602.03</b>	<b>499.00</b>

Note (1) - To be paid only if commitment of loaner boats & crews to participate for NAs and District Championship events.

# US Sailing MVP Program

Bill Kneller

- The J/109 Class as a US Sailing member has joined the US Sailing Member Value Partner (MVP) Program
- Through our MVP Program, individuals receive up to 20% off US Sailing membership dues when they register or update through the J/109 Class
- The link to the US Sailing MVP Program is posted on the class website front page announcements



- This winter, the class dues system will be updated to include your US Sailing number with a direct link to your US Sailing record via the MVP Program
- The J/109 Class benefits with points that may be redeemed at US Sailing for training and course materials



# North American Championship

- 2015 North American Championship
  - Very successful 2015 NAs at Block Island Race Week with 24 boats on the line
  - Great class party hosted by Bob Schwartz
  - Starting clinic held by Bill Gladstone of North U - thanks to Bill Sweetser for arranging this
  - Class sponsorship by North Sails provided on the water filming and playback afterwards with coaching
  - Congratulations to Don Filippelli's *Camino*s helmed by son-in-law Ryan Dempsey
- 2016 North American Championship
  - Location Newport, RI at New York YC Race Week 12-16 July 2016
  - European Fleet Potential Participation
  - Potential for Loaner Boats & Class insurance via Burgee Program
- 2017 North American Championship
  - Location Block Island Race Week, RI hosted by Storm Trysail Club 18-23 June 2017
- Planning for 2017 and beyond
  - Potential for other YCs to host a dedicated event
  - Need to consider ability of people to deliver boats (by water preferred)
  - Ability to get critical mass of boats from local region

# Proposed 2016 J/109 Events

- 2016 East Coast Regatta Series
  - 13-14 August East Coast Championships at Bristol YC on Narragansett Bay in RI
    - Part of New England J/Fest coordinated with J/Boats
  - 6-7 August at Atlantic Highlands YC
    - Part of Blue Water Regatta
  - 29-30 April and 1 May at Annapolis YC
    - Part of Annapolis NOOD
  - June 2016 Breakwater YC, Sag Harbor
    - BYC has offered to host a J109 Event if there is sufficient interest
- American Yacht Club Spring and Fall Series (2016 dates not yet posted)
  - AYC Spring Series usually last weekend April and first weekend May
  - AYC Fall Series usually last weekend September and first weekend October

# Proposed Fleet Redistribution

Bud Rogers

- The J/109 Class currently has 15 Fleets identified
- Some Fleets have few boats and are inactive
- 10% of the J/109s are located in areas with “No Fleet Affiliation”
- A Fleet rebalance is proposed so that all are assigned to a fleet
- Guidelines for redistribution
  - No change to existing fleets already organized outside the US
  - Assign boats from other international areas to new regional fleets
  - Add North American geographic areas with no fleet to an existing bordering fleet (expands some existing fleets)
  - Merge fleets with few boats or no fleet captain with an adjacent geographical area
- The goal is to have all boats assigned to a fleet, and all fleets assigned a Fleet Captain
  - Help promote class events and J/109 participation in regional sailing events
  - Help connect all boat owners with the J/109 Class and other boat owners

# Proposed Fleet Redistribution

Fleet Name	Fleet Captain	# of Boats	Suggestion	New Boat Allocation
<a href="#">No Fleet Affiliation</a>		31	Allocate boats to new regions	0
FLEET # 1: Pacific Northwest	Jerry A. Woodfield (Hull #44 SHADA)	13	Update to include All US North of CA and Western Canada	13
FLEET # 2: New Jersey	Bengt Johansson (Hull #37 ZIG ZAG)	6	Update to include Mid Atlantic NJ to FL including Miami: <b>Mid Atlantic - NJ to Miami, FL</b>	8
FLEET # 3: Southern California	Thomas Brott (Hull #257 ELECTRA)	23	Update to include all of California & Hawaii: <b>California &amp; Hawaii</b>	30
FLEET # 4: Chesapeake Bay	Bill Sweetser (Hull #51 RUSH)	10	No change	10
FLEET # 5: Texas		1	Eliminate and combine with Galveston Bay	0
FLEET # 6: New England (RI to ME)	Brooke Mastrorio (Hull #203 URSA)	23	Update to include Canda East of Lake Ontario: <b>NE &amp; Eastern Canada (RI to ME and Canada East of Lake Ontario)</b>	25
FLEET # 7: United Kingdom & Ireland	Paul Griffiths (Hull #5 JAGERBOMB)	86	No change	86
FLEET # 8: Netherlands/ Belgium/ Luxembourg	Mark van Weeren (Hull #214 CTRL-J)	35	No change	35
FLEET # 9: France	Philippe Barouch (Hull #859 J-FLIES)	29	No change	29
FLEET # 10: Long Island Sound (CT / NY)	Rick Lyall (Hull #146 STORM)	36	No change	36
FLEET # 11: Southern Lake Michigan	Peter Priede (Hull #249 FULL TILT)	21	Update to include all the Great Lakes: <b>Great Lakes</b>	31
FLEET # 12: Galveston Bay	Andy Wescoat (Hull #45 HARM'S WAY)	6	Update to include all of Texas & Gulf of Mexico to Miami: <b>TX &amp; Gulf Coast West of Miami</b>	9
FLEET # 14: San Francisco Bay		6	Eliminate and combine with Southern California	0
FLEET # 15: Mediterranean Sea	Giorgio Anserini (Hull #86 CHESTRESS)	6	No change	6
<a href="#">Australia &amp; Pacific</a> New Fleet Designated		0	Create new region: <b>Australia &amp; Pacific</b>	7
<a href="#">Europe - Other Fleets</a> New Fleet Designated		0	Create New region: <b>Europe - other fleets</b>	7
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- Class website was transferred to a new host and significantly revised
- The “New” J/109 website went live on 4 March 2015
  - More Intuitive Menu, Full featured calendar, Announcements prominently displayed, Videos added, Information better organized, More J/109 technical information, specifications and boat tips available
  - Improved boat & member list for those who are logged in
- Planned improvements
  - Easier sail tag registration (direct entry – not scanned forms)
  - Add data fields for mobile and work phones, US Sailing number with link to the person’s record, personal ISAF code and lookup
  - Add membership card that is automatically emailed when people pay dues
  - Unified login on site will also work on forum (no more double login needed)
  - Email tools for Executive Board so individuals and groups may be contacted easily
  - Populate content with PHRF & IRC data – need help to get the data
  - Potentially provide email addresses to members (e.g. [your.name@j109.org](mailto:your.name@j109.org))
  - Potentially solicit businesses for sponsorship of class with links on the website
- Have more ideas? Send them to the Class Treasurer – [treasurer@j109.org](mailto:treasurer@j109.org)

## Rules Change Vote on Inhaulers

- Class Rule 4.3.7 changed to read: "*The Jib may be in hauled forward of the mast with the lazy sheet or behind the mast in a horizontal manner with a control line system*"
  - Results: Passed by a vote of 24 Yes and 4 No
  - The effective date for this rules change is 22 October 2015

## Discussion on proposed Bob Stay Addition

- Proposed rule change supported by 20 voting members submitted per paragraph 7.2 of the Class Constitution
- The proposed amendment would add under class rules paragraph "4.3 *The following are permitted while racing:*" the following subparagraph: *4.3.16 A Bob Stay using high-modulus polyethylene fiber (e.g., Dyneema™ or Spectra™) secured in the bow above the waterline and on the Bow Sprit*
- Following discussion at Annual Meeting the Executive Board will determine whether to submit proposal for a formal membership vote
- If Bob Stay proposal is approved it would have an effective date of 1 January 2016

# Other New Business & Discussion

- Questions, Comments, New Business and Open Discussion