

J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting

12 October 2017

Sail Newport
60 Fort Adams Drive
Newport, RI 02840

Agenda – 2017 Annual Meeting

1. Welcome - Call meeting to order and vote to accept [last annual meeting minutes](#) - Class Secretary
2. Finance Report - Class Treasurer
 - Current year financial report projected to year end & Proposed budget for next year
 - IRS tax exempt determination as 501 (c) (7) Social Club and annual filing requirements
3. President's report on 2017 accomplishments - Class President
4. Reports from Fleet representatives - Class Secretary
 - Discuss future of New Jersey Fleet as separate or merged with Long Island Sound
5. Class Measurers Report
6. North American Championship - Class President
 - RFP Process & Results
 - 2018 Location (Larchmont YC 10-14 October), 2019 Location (New Bedford YC 20-24 August)
 - Planning for 2020 and beyond will be done late in 2018 - potential for other YCs to host a dedicated event
7. Proposed Schedule for 2018 class events - Class Vice President
8. Website improvements - Class President
 - Email tools for Executive Board allow personalized emails by group (Fleets, Current Members, etc.)
 - Unified login across website for membership and forum (deferred from 2017)
 - Sail tag transfer updates based on Class Measurer inputs
 - Feedback on existing site and other potential changes, fixes or improvements
9. Off year for Elections - officers serve through 2018 (Nominating committee to be formed later in 2018)
10. Rules Change Discussion ([posted on website](#) 20 July 2017) - Class Measurer
 - Ballot to be emailed to members by 16 October (Vote online via J/109 website)
 - Voting closes midnight GMT 30 days after ballots emailed
 - Secretary to tally and certify vote - If passed revised rules posted and would be effective 1 January 2018
11. Other new business and discussion

Welcome

David Rosow

Class Officers to serve through 2018

- President – Bill Kneller
- Vice President - Jonathan (JR) Rechtschaffer
- Secretary – David Rosow
- Treasurer – Bud Rogers
- Class Measurer – Bengt Johansson
- At-Large Member – Jim Goldberg
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone

Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting [posted on website](#) - Vote to accept

Finance Report – Cash Balance

Bud Rogers

- IRS letter dated 7 September 2017 determined the J/109 Class Association is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(7) effective 15 May 2014.
- Balance on 10/1/2017 includes \$500 for 2018 J/Fest New England - to be transferred out in 2018

	at 12/31/2014	at 12/31/2015	at 12/31/2016	at 10/1/2017
Bank Accounts				
J109 Class Account XX9259	\$12,398.05	\$ 9,437.05	\$18,669.80	\$8,198.57
Cash Accounts				
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PayPal	\$ 48.25	\$ 5,427.65	\$ 1,595.98	\$ 15,000.59
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,446.30	\$14,864.70	\$20,265.78	\$ 23,199.16

Finance Report - Cash Flow & Budget

Bud Rogers

	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2017 Projected	2018 Budget	Budget Basis
	1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015 (Calendar Year)	12 Months	12 Months 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016 (Calendar Year)	12 Months	9 Months 1/1/2017 - 9/30/2017 (9 Mos)	12 Months 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017 (Calendar Year)	12 Months	
INCOME								
J109 Class Income								
J109 Class Income:Class Dues	3,800.00	3,700.00	2,940.00	3,700.00	3,400.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	70 @ \$50 per person
J109 Class Income:Interest Inc	16.92	15.00	8.97	15.00	7.60	8.00	8.50	
J109 Class Income:Sail Tags	4,090.00	4,000.00	2,610.00	4,000.00	2,760.00	3,200.00	3,400.00	85 @ \$40 each (70 thru 9/30/2017)
J109 Class Income:Regatta Income	0.00	0.00	591.87	250.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	Expected income from J/Fest New England Regatta
TOTAL J109 Class Income	7,906.92	7,715.00	6,150.84	7,965.00	6,917.60	7,458.00	6,908.50	
EXPENSES								
J109 Class Expenses								
J109 Class Expenses:Admin Expenses	38.49	300.00	79.38	300.00	864.02	870.00	300.00	Postage, supplies, sail tag re order, etc.
J109 Class Expenses:Fee	217.71	205.00	181.68	205.00	203.64	212.00	205.00	Paypal Fees
J109 Class Expenses:Organizational Due	0.00	150.00	321.75	165.00	0.00	165.00	165.00	US Sailing Class Dues
J109 Class Expenses:Regatta Expenses	4,025.15	4,000.00	127.95	4,000.00	2,920.17	2,920.17	4,000.00	Includes measurement tools, social & awards
J109 Class Expenses:Insurance	0.00	1,511.00	0.00	1,511.00	0.00	0.00	1,511.00	*(1) Bugee Program with Loaner boat insurance
J109 Class Expenses:Trophies	612.77	300.00	0.00	300.00	26.59	26.59	300.00	Corinthian Trophies
J109 Class Expenses:Website	594.40	750.00	39.00	750.00	469.80	500.00	750.00	Web hosting and custom software updates
TOTAL J109 Class Expenses	5,488.52	7,216.00	749.76	7,231.00	4,484.22	4,693.76	7,231.00	
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	2,418.40	499.00	5,401.08	734.00	2,433.38	2,764.24	(322.50)	Net Income (Expense)

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

CASH TRANSFERS								
FROM Pay Pal	500.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	
TO J109 Class Account XX9259	(500.00)	0.00	(14,000.00)	0.00	(14,000.00)	(14,000.00)	0.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

President's Report

Bill Kneller

Recap of 2017

- Regatta results and numbers 2017

2017 East Coast Championship at Cedar Point OD Regatta - *Loki* (David Rosow) 1st of 17 Boats

2017 East Coast Regatta Series Results - *Loki* (David Rosow) 1st of 12 Boats Qualified

- 18-23 June North American Championship at BI Race Week (The mandatory event)
 - 21 J/109s in OD Class Class - *Loki* 1st, *Rush* 2nd, *Gossip* 3rd, *Gut Feeling* Corinthian)
- 12-13 August New England J/Fest at Sail Newport on Narragansett Bay in RI
 - 9 J/109s in OD Class - (*Emoticon* 1st, *Vento Solare* 2nd, *Picante* 3rd)
- 23, 24, 30 September, 1 October American YC Fall Series
 - 13 J/109s in OD Class - (*Loki* 1st, *Emoticon* 2nd, *Zig Zag* 3rd)

2017 Macinac Cup J/109 Division - *Goat Rodeo* 1st of 10 J/109s (8 finished)

2017 STC LI Sound Championship - *Zig Zag* 1st of 4 J/109s

- Successful North American Championship
- Increased participation in regional events
- Migration of boats
- Technical Committee is active - challenges ahead as boats age
- Executive Board has been working various projects behind the scenes
- The future looks good for the J/109 Class

Fleet Representative Reports

David Rosow

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	Bengt Johansson (Hull #37 ZIG ZAG)	Perth Amboy	908-222-3797
FLEET # 3: California & Hawaii - Includes CA, HI	Thomas Brott (Hull #257 ELECTRA)	Long Beach, Alamitos Bay	714.826.3652
FLEET # 4: Chesapeake Bay & Southeast - Delaware Bay to Chesapeake Bay and East coast South to Miami	Rick Hanson (Hull #73 ROSALITA)	North East River YC	610.662.5565
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	Brooke Mastrorio (Hull #203 URSA)	Fall River	508-345-8603
FLEET # 7: United Kingdom & Ireland - Includes UK & IRL	Jean Lockett (Hull #? JYNNAN TONNYX)	Hamble	
FLEET # 8: Netherlands/Belgium/Luxembourg - Includes NED, BEL, LUX	Rein Bakker (Hull #236 BIG TIME)	Monnickendam	+31 6 55 33 81 89
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	203-219-9660
FLEET # 11: Great Lakes & Lake Champlain - Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair & Lake Champlain	Peter Priede (Hull #249 FULL TILT)	Chicago	708-699-9025
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.			
FLEET # 15: Mediterranean Sea - Includes Mediterranean Sea excluding France	Giorgio Anserini (Hull #86 CHESTRESS)	Porto di Roma	+39.340.234.7294

Class Measurer's Report

Bengt Johansson

Technical Committee

A TC and an Assistant Measurer was implemented as posted on 11/29/16

Rules Changes incorporated since last meeting

- Jib car adjustments increased from 4:1 to 8:1

Rules Interpretations Posted on Forum

- Number of sails purchased in calendar year - rule 5.7
- Rigging & Specification
- In-hauler with adjustable tracks
- Sprit end-caps and sprit extension - about 40 boats have been checked and only 3 boats met the specification of 66" (range 65.5 to 76.5, average 69)
- Clutch replacements
- Mainsheet system
- Traveler and windward sheeting cars
- 2017 NA measurement checklist updated

Rules Interpretations Pending

- None

Rules Changes Pending

- Administrative Clean-up

North American Championship

Bill Kneller

- 2017 North American Championship
 - Very successful 2017 NAs with 21 Competitors - 5 boats for 1st time in NA Championship
 - Location Block Island, RI at Storm Trysail Club BI Race Week 18-23 July 2017
 - Congratulations to David Rosow and the *Loki* crew
 - Corinthian Trophy Awarded to Ted Herlihy and *Gut Feeling* crew
 - Great crew events including North U Starting Clinic and Class Party hosted by Bob Schwartz
- RFP process and results for 2018 & 2019
 - 2018 North American Championship
 - Stand-alone event at Larchmont YC, 10-14 October 2018
 - LI Fleet Captain will need volunteers to help organize with Larchmont YC
 - 2019 North American Championship
 - Stand-alone event at New Bedford YC, 20-24 August 2019
- Potential to Grow North American Championship Competitors
 - European Fleet Potential Participation
 - Other Fleet Participation
 - Potential for Loaner Boats & Class insurance via Burgee Program
- Planning for 2020 and beyond
 - After 2018 NA Championship evaluate Class desires (e.g. Stand alone, or combined events as in past)
 - Potential for class only or two class (e.g. J/88 & J/109) event versus part of bigger regatta
 - Need to consider ability of people to deliver boats (by water preferred)
 - Ability to get critical mass of boats from local region

Proposed 2018 J/109 Events

JR Rechtschaffer

- 2018 East Coast Regatta Series
 - 1-3 June Cedar Point OD Regatta - J/109 OD Class (The mandatory event)
 - 18-21 July New York YC Race Week Part II - J/109 OD Class
 - 29-30 September - AYC Fall Series (2nd weekend only for East Coast Regatta Series)
- 2018 East Coast Championship - J/Fest New England 7-9 September at Sail Newport
- American Yacht Club Spring and Fall Series (2018 dates not yet posted)
 - AYC Spring Series usually last weekend April and first weekend May, Fall Series usually last two weekends in September
- New England & Maritimes 2018 One Design Schedule

Start Date ▾	End Date ▾	Event Name ▾	Host or Location ▾	Website Link ▾
01-Jun (Fri)	03-Jun (Sun)	Cedar Point OD Regatta (J/109 East Coast Regatta Series Mandatory Event)	Cedar Point YC	http://www.cedarpointyc.org/
08-Jun (Fri)	09-Jun (Sat)	Spring Off Soundings	Watch Hill - Block Island	http://www.offsoundings.org/
08-Jun (Fri)	10-Jun (Sun)	NYYC 164th Annual Regatta	New York YC	https://www.nyyc.org/yachting/racing/
11-Jun (Mon)	15-Jun (Fri)	Block Island Race Week	Duck Island YC	http://www.blockislandraceweek.org/
16-Jul (Mon)	22-Jul (Sun)	New York YC Race Week (J/109 East Coast Regatta Series)	New York YC	https://www.nyyc.org/yachting/racing/
03-Aug (Fri)	05-Aug (Sun)	Buzzard's Bay Regatta	Beverly Yacht Club	www.buzzardsbayregatta.com/
	12-Aug (Sun)	MOHOSA	Mount Hope Bay	http://www.bristolyc.com/racing/mohosa.php
	02-Sep (Sun)	Conanicut Around the Island Race	Start by Jamestown & Rose Island	http://www.conanicutyachtclub.org/ATI.aspx
08-Sep (Sat)	09-Sep (Sun)	J/Fest New England (J/109 East Coast Championship)	Sail Newport	http://jfestnewengland.com
10-Oct (Wed)	14-Oct (Sun)	J/109 North American Championship at Larchmont YC	Larchmont YC	http://www.larchmontyc.org

J/109 Website

Bill Kneller

- Improvements Accomplished
 - Email tools for Executive Board so individuals and groups may be contacted easily
- Planned improvements
 - Unified login on site will also work on forum (no more double login needed)
 - Sail Tag transfer (one owner to another) - will work with Class Measurer
 - Coordinate with UK/Ireland Fleet for consolidated list and registration
 - Add membership card that is automatically emailed when people pay dues
 - Potentially provide email addresses to members (e.g. your.name@j109.org)
 - Potentially solicit businesses for sponsorship of class with links on the website
- Have more ideas? Send them to the Bill Kneller – bill@j109.org

Elections (Off Year)

Bill Kneller

Class Officers elected to serve through 2018

- President – Bill Kneller, *Vento Solare* #266
- Vice President - Jonathan (JR) Rechtschaffer, *Emoticon* #200
- Secretary – David Rosow, *Loki* #125
- Treasurer – Bud Rogers, *Big Boat*, #360
- Class Measurer – Bengt Johansson, *Zig Zag*, #37
- At-Large Member – Jim Goldberg, *Junkyard Dog* #168
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats

Nominating Committee to be formed no later than 1 June 2018

6.1.2 The President shall appoint an Executive Board member as the chair of a nominating committee. The Executive Board shall appoint four additional members to the committee, at least three of whom shall not be members of the Executive Board. Not later than June 1 in an election year (every alternate year), the nominating committee shall invite Voting Members to nominate members for appointment to the at large membership and Chief Measurer and for election as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Rules Change Discussion

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The J/109 Class Constitution and Class Rules refer to ISAF. On November 14, 2015, ISAF changed its name to World Sailing. In doing so, the ISAF entity and several documents once published by ISAF and previously referenced by the Constitution and Rules were made no longer available and several others were changed by World Sailing. The Technical Committee reviewed the Constitution and the Rules and made the following proposed updates. We additionally consulted with JBoats and reviewed other similar class rules for consistency.

Because there are numerous changes, the proposal attempts to demonstrate the current rules and the proposed wording. (Words with a strike through are from the current edition while words that are underlined are proposed.) The [proposed rule changes are attached as a pdf](#). A second pdf attachment makes the proposed new reference to the [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B](#) available for review.

In the end, the Technical Committee is just doing some housekeeping and many of these changes will have little effect on owners, the class, and our competitions.

The Technical Committee also sought to make Rule 6.1 more user-friendly and potentially less confusing, with the objective to be more inclusive while fostering interest in sailing and the J109.

Other New Business & Discussion

Bill Kneller

- Questions, Comments, New Business and Open Discussion