

# 2020 J/109 Class Annual Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2020 via telephone at 7:00pm EDT.

## Present via telephone

John Greifzu Jr. (*Growth Spurt*), President  
Pete Priede, (*Full Tilt*), Vice President  
Bud Rogers (*Big Boat*), Treasurer  
Cory Eaves (*Freedom*), Secretary  
Bengt Johansson (*Zig Zag*), Chief Measurer  
Bill Kneller (*Vento Solare*), Fleet 6 - Newport  
Dan Corcoran (*Strider*)  
Bob Schwartz (*Nordlys*)  
Scott Sims (*Slapshot II*)  
John McGee (*Sunny Gets Blue*)  
Ray Douglas (*Courageous*)  
Keith Eickenberg (*Blackfin*)  
Julia O'Dowd (*TBD*)  
Tom Sitar (*Serendipity*)  
David Neenan & George Miz (*Smee Again*)

## Welcome

At 7:05, Cory Eaves, Secretary, called the Annual Meeting of the J1109 Class Association to order. John Greifzu, Jr., President, took attendance. It was determined that a quorum per the Class Constitution 6.1 and 6.4 was not present. Votes taken were provisional, pending a follow-up vote to be taken by email subsequent to the meeting. The Secretary asked for a motion to approve the 2019 minutes, which are posted on the class website. A vote was taken and the 2019 minutes were accepted unanimously.

## Finance Report

Treasurer Bud Rogers provided a finance report. A copy of this report can be found on the presentation posted to the Class website. In summary, Bud reported that the class's finances remain strong, although revenue from dues and sail tags are down significantly due to the global COVID pandemic. The ending 2020 cash is expected to be very strong at more than \$35,000. The 2021 budget was also presented. It is expected to be more like 2019 than 2020, which was adversely affected by the pandemic. Bill Kneller returns next year as Treasurer.

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## President's Report

President John Griefzu, Jr, provided the President's report. While most one design racing was canceled due to the pandemic, the fleet did well trying to preserve some sense of comradery and encourage other on the water activities, such as cruising and distance racing. J/109's were also successful in various handicap events, including the Hook Race, the Vineyard Race, Ida Lewis Distance Race, and the Bayview Mackinac Race. Eight J/109s participated in the Stamford Fleet 10 Fall Classic.

## Measurer's Report

Chief Measurer Bengt Johansson provided a report on class measurement and rule activities. The NA Championship equipment checklist was updated to be consistent with recent rule changes. It will be reposted in advance of the 2021 NA Championship. A suggestion to permit two jib cars per track was considered, but not allowed. A suggestion to allow replacement of the standard aluminum Mk 3 furler was considered, but not allowed. A suggestion to allow replacement of the factory winches with Harken Performa winches was allowed since the original winches have been discontinued.

There was discussion of allowing the removal of the aft cabin door and the table. This will be considered by the Technical Committee with further discussion on the Class website.

There was discussion to allow the shortening of the cabin-top handrail, which is being deformed by inhaulers. There was consensus that this should not be allowed since there are methods to prevent deformation.

## Fleet Captains Reports

The Secretary asked each Fleet Captain to report on their fleet's status and activities:

Fleet 6 - New England. Bill Kneller reported on the New England fleet. It was a very different year due to the pandemic. Most class racing was canceled, although J/109's competed in various handicap events which began in mid June. The fleet also used their boats for various cruising activities, including Brooke Mastroto, who cruised *URSA* to Maine for a month.

Fleet 11 - Great Lakes - Peter Priede offered a fleet report. The fleet is up to 21 boats across all Great Lakes. Three new boats have been added: Courageous (Ray Douglas), Live Wire (Kim Piller), and John McGree (Sunny Gets Blue). Severe COVID restrictions reduced racing to the Hook Race with seven boats participating. Two near-shore events.

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## North American Championship

NA's in 2020 were canceled due to COVID. Since it was canceled this year, NAs have been moved to 2021 in Chicago from July 29th to August 1st, 2021. All 16 boats that were registered for 2020 have been moved over to 2021 registration. The NOR's are updated and posted on YachtScoring. The entry fee is \$500 including social events.

The fleet is currently considering where to hold the 2022. Suggestions are welcome.

## 2021 J/109 Regattas

Other notable 2021 regattas are:

### Class Championships

- 2021 East Coast Championship at Block Island Race Week - 21-25 June 2021
- 2021 J/109 North American Championship at Columbia YC (Chicago) - July 29 - Aug 1

### Class Sanctioned Events

2021 East Coast Regatta Series:

- Cedar Point OD Regatta 5-6 June - J/109 OD Class (Mandatory Event)
- NYYC Annual Regatta 11-13 June
- AYC Fall Series 25-26 September, 2-3 October

### Fleet Sponsored Events

#### Long Island Sound

- AYC Spring Series
- Pequot Invitational
- Fleet 10 Fall Classic
- Block Island Race
- Vineyard Race
- Off Soundings

#### New England

- JFest
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#### Great Lakes

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- Verve Cup
- CYC & BYC Races Mackinac

## Class Officer Elections

Pursuant to Sections 6.13 of the J/109 Class Constitution, the Nominating Committee proposed the following Class Members to hold office through the 2022 Annual Meeting:

- President—John M. Greifzu, Jr., Growth Spurt #261
- Vice President—Peter Priede, Full Tilt #249
- Secretary—Cory Eaves, Freedom #255
- Treasurer—Bill Kneller, Vento Solare #266
- At-Large Member—James Murray, Callisto #368
- Chief Measurer—Bengt Johannson, Zig Zag #37

A vote was taken via the class website over the previous month. This slate of officers was unanimously elected.

## Other business

Bud Rogers asked whether the members had seen good J/109s for sale. Bill Kneller asked for website feedback.

There being no other business, a vote was taken, and the meeting was closed by unanimous vote at 7:59pm EDT.