

# J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting

23 October 2024

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-2024-annual-meeting/>

# Agenda – 2024 Annual Meeting

1. Welcome - Call meeting to order and vote to accept [last annual meeting minutes](#) - Class Secretary
2. President's report on 2024 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. North American Championship - Class President
  - 2025 Corinthian YC Chicago, August 7-10, 2025
  - 2026 New Bedford YC (July/August TBD)
  - 2027 TBD
7. Proposed Schedule for 2025 class events
8. Rules Change Vote on [Class Weight Proposed by Technical Committee](#)
9. Election of Class Officers
10. Other new business and discussion

# Welcome

John Greifzu Jr.

## Class Officers

- President - Dan Nash *Mistral* #71
- Vice President – Vacant
- Secretary – John Greifzu Jr. *Growth Spurt* #261
- Treasurer – Julia O-Dowd *TBD* #178
- Class Measurer – Bill Kneller *Vento Solare* #266
- At-Large Member – Bud Rogers *Big Boat* #360
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats President

Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting [posted on website](#) - Vote to accept

## Recap of 2024

- High level recap of racing nationally
- Many long term racers on east coast coincidentally sold boats in last year resulting in less members participating in one design events in 2024
  - 2024 - 46 Members including 43 Owners (Previous year 55 / 53)
  - Few boats are on the market or recently sold
  - Cedar Point One Design 7 Boats (14 in 2023),
  - North American Championship 6 Boats (13 in 2023)
- Efforts underway to increase participation on east coast
  - Need to remove the intimidation factor for new boat owners
  - Need to get new boat owners comfortable with one design, PHRF and distance racing
  - It takes every boat owner to get involved
  - Clinicgatta in planning stages, held on LIS in spring -date (TBD)

# Finance Report ([Link Here](#))

Julia O-Dowd

	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual (thru 10/15/24)	2024 Projected 12 Months	2025 Budget	
<b>INCOME</b>									
J109 Class Income									
J109 Class Income:Class Dues	2,550.00	4,350.00	3,750.00	3,450.00	3,500.00	2,825.00	2,825.00	3,000.00	60 @ \$50 per person
J109 Class Income:Interest Inc.	12.11	13.69	13.85	13.75	12.00	11.49	15.00	15.00	
J109 Class Income: Sail Tags	1,040.00	2,040.00	920.00	480.00	1,600.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	800.00	20 @ \$40 each
J09 Class Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
J109 Class Income:Regatta Income	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL J109 Class Income:</b>	<b>3,602.11</b>	<b>7,203.69</b>	<b>4,683.85</b>	<b>3,943.75</b>	<b>5,112.00</b>	<b>3,916.49</b>	<b>3,920.00</b>	<b>3,815.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
J109 Class Expenses									
J109 Class Expenses:Admin Expenses	126.29	267.32	38.45	64.07	300.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	Postage, supplies, sail tag reorder, etc. Quicken
J109 Class Expenses:Fee	127.41	234.17	204.07	175.80	220.00	165.70	170.00	200.00	Paypal Fees
J109 Class Expenses:Organizational Dues	225.00	225.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	US Sailing Class Dues
J109 Class Expenses:Regatta Expenses	0.00	6,583.89	4,000.00	3,794.77	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Includes measurement tools, social, awards, photos, ECC & NA
J109 Class Expenses:Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	* (1) Burgee Program with Loaner boat insurance
J109 Class Expenses:Trophies	0.00	1,304.76	925.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Corinthian Trophies
J109 Class Expenses:Website	39.00	638.76	39.00	638.76	40.00	0.00	0.00	640.00	Web hosting and custom software updates
<b>TOTAL J109 Class Expenses</b>	<b>517.70</b>	<b>9,253.90</b>	<b>5,206.52</b>	<b>4,923.40</b>	<b>7,810.00</b>	<b>415.70</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>1,155.00</b>	
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>3,084.41</b>	<b>(2,050.21)</b>	<b>(522.67)</b>	<b>(979.65)</b>	<b>(2,698.00)</b>	<b>3,500.79</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>	<b>2,660.00</b>	Net Income (Expense)
<b>CASH TRANSFERS</b>									
From PayPal	0.00	10,000.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
To J109 Class Account XX9259	0.00	-10,000.00	-7,500.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>									
J109 Class Account XX9259	24,002.23	26,364.71	28,953.56	30,422.54	27,793.79	30,234.03	30,237.54	29,297.54	
PayPal	12,518.99	8,106.30	4,994.78	2,546.15	2,674.78	6,235.45	6,231.15	9,831.15	
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>36,521.22</b>	<b>34,471.01</b>	<b>33,948.34</b>	<b>32,968.69</b>	<b>30,468.57</b>	<b>36,469.48</b>	<b>36,468.69</b>	<b>39,128.69</b>	

- Annual IRS [ePostcard filing for 2023 tax year](#) completed on 25 March 2024

# Class Measurer's Report

Bill Kneller

During 2024 the Class Measurer and the Technical Committee worked on the following:

- **Replacement propellers** were reviewed and [posted on the forum](#) with a list of allowable substitutes for the Flexofold Racing Propeller which is no longer made.
- **Lithium-Ion batteries** were again considered but found not ready for approval. J/Boats was consulted and agreed that the original electrical system design is not suitable to just drop in the batteries. The is [documented on the forum at this link](#). A [new forum post](#) by Dan Corcoran requires follow-up action.
- **Additional Jib Cars** to support PHRF racing were reviewed and found to be allowable, but must be disabled for One Design racing. Full details are [posted on the forum at this link](#).
- Boat inspection at the NA Championship went well with no major issues found. Timely inputs for Crew declarations and associated World Sailing categorizations remains as a tedious task the Class Measurer needs to stay on top of with registered competitors.
- The Technical Committee proposed a rule change to remove Class Rule 6.2 to eliminate weigh in requirements for designated class events [per this forum post](#). If approved by Class vote, the change would become effective 1 January 2025.

**Results with Voting Closed 17 October:** Rule Change Approved

# J/109 Class Rule Change

John Greifzu Jr.

- **Class Rule Change to remove weigh in requirement was passed unanimously.**
  - 22 People voted Yes when polling closed on 17 October.

## Specific Change to Class Rules (effective 1 January 2025):

(Rule 6.1 remains as is)

*6.1 For J/109 Class or fleet sanctioned events, the crew of each boat shall be limited to the driver plus six crew members. To encourage participation, including junior sailors, a seventh “lightweight person” may be added without penalty, provided that person’s weight does not exceed 60 kilos (132 lbs.).*

(Rule 6.2 below is deleted and replaced as annotated below to preclude renumbering subsequent paragraphs)

*6.2 By vote of the Executive Board, a Championship event may be designated to be a “weight limited” event. The Notice of Race for such events shall state that Rule 6.2 applies, and Rule 6.1 does not apply. Total weight of crew (excluding the driver) in swimming apparel shall not exceed 550 kilos (1213 pounds).*

*6.2 (Deleted).*

# Fleet Representative Reports

John Greifzu Jr.

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

# North American Championship

- 2024 North American Championship - New York YC Race Week
  - 16-20 July 2024
  - Congratulations to John Greifzu - *Growth Spurt* Crew (NA Champions & Corinthian Trophy)
  - Lowest Turnout in History of North American Championships (6 Boats)
    - Class officers actively promoted and assisted boat owners with housing options but limited participation
  - Event was well run by the New York YC race committee with great socials under the tent
- 2025 Chicago YC - August 7-10 2025
- 2026 New Bedford YC - (July / Aug TBD)

# Proposed 2025 J/109 Events

- **2025 East Coast Regatta Series**
  - Cedar Point OD Regatta (May 31 -June ) - J/109 OD Class (The mandatory event)
  - New York YC Annual Regatta - (June 6-8)
  - Safe Harbor Race Weekend - Newport, RI (August 8-10)
- **2025 East Coast Championship** - Block Island Race Week (22-27 June 2025)
- **2025 J/109 North American Championship** 16 - 20 July at Chicago YC
- **Select Additional Events with J/109 Class Racing or Larger Fleets**
  - *Long Island Sound*
    - AYC Spring Series (May 3-4)
    - Pequot Invitational (TBD)
    - Vineyard Race (August 29)
    - Fleet 10 Fall Classic (TBD)
    - Spring (6-7 June) & Fall (12-14 September) Off Soundings
  - *New England*
    - New York YC Annual Regatta (June 6-8)
    - Ida Lewis Distance Race (Aug. 15-16)
    - Conanicut YC ATI (Aug. 31)
  - *Great Lakes*
    - Chicago NOOD (June 6-8)
    - Chicago YC Race to Mackinac (July 18)
    - Bayview YC Race to Mackinac (July 12)

# 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 2025.

- President - Dan Nash (Mistral #71)
- Vice President - Ray Douglas (Courageous #224)
- Secretary - John Greifzu Jr. (Growth Spurt #261)
- Treasurer - Don Irion (Full Tilt #200)

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

- Class Measurer & Technical Committee Lead – TBD
- Assistant Class Measurer & Technical Committee (Appointed by the President) – Ted Herlihy (Gut Feeling #72)
- Technical Committee (Copyright Holder’s representative) – Bill Kneller (Vento Solare #266)
- At-Large Member – Bud Rogers (Big Boat #360)
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone (J/Boats President)

Voting commenced on 11 October 2024 and will close on 11 November 2024

# Other New Business & Discussion

Open Discussion

- Questions, Comments, New Business and Open Discussion