

J/109 Class Association Annual Meeting

22 October 2025

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-2025-annual-meeting/>

Agenda – 2025 Annual Meeting

1. Welcome - Call meeting to order and vote to accept [last annual meeting minutes](#) - Class Secretary
2. President's report on 2025 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. 2025 North American Championship - Class Vice President
7. Future North American Championships - Class President
 - 2026 New Bedford YC (August 7-9)
 - 2027 Block Island Race Week (June 23-28 TBD)
 - 2028 TBD
 - Proposed Schedule for 2026 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 2024 Annual Meeting [posted on website](#) - Vote to accept

Recap of 2025

- High level recap of J109 racing
- Overview of boats racing one design in 2025
 - 2025 - 49 members racing
 - 2024 - 46 Members racing
 - Strong turnouts at East Coast and Great Lakes events
 - Pequot J109 Invitational 9 Boats (7 in 2024 when CPYC OD)
 - North American Championship 9 Boats (11 registered) (7 in 2024)
- Efforts underway to increase participation on east coast
 - Held the J109 clinic/regatta 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

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual thru 9/30	2025 Projected 12 Months	2026 Proposed Budget	Basis for Proposed 2026 Budget
INCOME								
Class Dues	3,750	3,450	2,825	3,000	2,722	2,722	3,300	Dues increase from \$50 to \$60; 55 members
Interest Income	14	10	15	15	12	16	1,000	New investment account generates 4% interest
Sail Tag income	920	920	1,080	800	1,626	1,800	1,500	Sail tag fee increases from \$40 to \$50 for 30 tags
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	3,815	4,360	4,538	5,800	
EXPENSES								
Admin Expenses	38	0	0	65	115	249	250	Postage, supplies, sail tag reorder, Quicken, oth
Paypal and Bank Fees	204	185	170	200	142	145	250	Paypal Fees and investment account fee
Organizational Dues	0	0	250	250	0	250	250	US Sailing Class Dues
Regatta Expenses	4,000	4,000	1,350	0	6,589	6,589	4,300	East Coast and N.A. Championships in 2025
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Trophies	925	925	0	0	0	0	0	
Website hosting and security	39	0	0	640	160	800	750	\$600 for website hosting due in 4th qtr
TOTAL J109 Class Expenses	5,207	5,110	1,770	1,155	7,006	8,033	5,800	
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(523)	(730)	2,150	2,660	(2,646)	(3,495)	0	Net Income (Expense)
CASH TRANSFERS								
FROM PayPal TO Checking Acct	7,500	10,000	5,000		10,600	0	n/a	
FROM Checking to Investment Acct						25,000	n/a	To be invested in T-bills
FROM Investment to checking acct							1,000	
BALANCES								
J/109 Class Acct XX9259	28,954	28,950	30,238		34,801	9,001	9,001	
PayPal	4,995	4,691	6,231		202	202	202	
New J/109 Class Investment Acct	0	0	0		0	25,000	25,000	
TOTAL BALANCE	33,948	33,641	36,469		35,003	34,203	34,203	

- Annual IRS ePostcard filing for 2025 tax year is overdue

Class Measurer's Report

Bill Kneller

During 2025 the Class Measurer and the Technical Committee worked on the following:

- **120 Square Meter Spinnaker Rule Change:** Effective 1 June 2025 the class rules were changed to allow events held in Fleet 11 (Great Lakes) to use 120 square meter spinnakers. This was approved by a class vote that closed on 25 May. Details are [posted on the forum](#) and incorporated in the [J/109 Class Rules](#).
- **Lithium-Ion batteries** continue to be discussed on the forum with a [post by Dan Corcoran](#). There have been no positive replies supporting the change. A separate discussion will be scheduled for those interested so Dan may make a presentation.
- **Boat inspection at the NA Championship** went well with no major issues found. Admin issues included:
 - Last minute Sail Tag registrations and associated Sail Declarations
 - Late crew declarations and associated World Sailing categorizations remains a tedious task the Class Measurer needs to remind registered competitors.
 - World Sailing website issues required emailed categorization submissions and a modified NOR with provisional results for up to 30 days due to categorization delays.
 - The Clubspot registration system did not support automated reports - custom software developed to validate World Sailing classifications

Thanks to George Dorsch for leading measurement with his team of inspectors.

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

2025 North American Championship

Ray Douglas

- 2025 North American Championship - Chicago Yacht Club (Belmont Harbor)
 - August 22-24, 2025
 - Congratulations to John Arens - *Reverie* Crew aboard s/v Daybreak (NA Overall Champions)
 - A total of nine boats competed. We were expecting 11 boats, but two skippers needed to back-out late due to business priorities that came up.
 - For the first time in recent history (maybe ever) we had teams from the east coast, west coast and “third” coast all racing in the NAs. Michigan also represented.
 - Ray Douglas facilitated the charter boat options and made sure that it went smoothly and reasonably.
 - Event was well run by the Chicago race committee with great socials on the club patio.
 - Daily awards for the top three boats
 - Strong sponsors: Skyway Yacht Works, Evolution Sails, Chicago Yacht Rigging, North Sails, UK Sails and Quantum Sails - all provided funding and/or awards to present.
- 2026 New Bedford YC - (August 7-9)
- Key Learnings: Best to utilize a four-day regatta to accommodate potential weather impact. Need to make it more simple to comply and compete. Recruiting must be done early and regularly to get owners to complete/commit. Compliance must be addressed well in advance.

Proposed 2026 J/109 Events

- **2026 East Coast Regatta Series**
 - Pequot Yacht Club Invitational (June 6-7) - J/109 OD Class
 - New York YC Annual Regatta - (June 12-14)
- **2026 East Coast Championship** - New York YC Race Week 13 - 18 July
- **2026 J/109 North American Championship** August 7-9 at New Bedford YC
- **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 22nd)
 - Vineyard Race (August 29)
 - Fleet 10 Fall Classic (TBD)
 - Spring (5-6 June) & Fall (18-19 September) Off Soundings
 - *New England*
 - New York YC Annual Regatta (June 12-14)
 - Ida Lewis Distance Race (Aug. 14-15)
 - Conanicut YC ATI (Sep 6)
 - *Great Lakes*
 - Chicago NOOD (June 5-7)
 - Chicago YC Race to Mackinac (July 10)
 - Bayview YC Race to Mackinac (July 18)

Other New Business & Discussion

John Greifzu Jr.

- Lithium Battery Discussion (5 minutes)
 - Dan Corcoran
- Questions, Comments, New Business and Open Discussion