



J/109 Class Association 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022
7:00pm EDT

The 2022 Annual Meeting was held via Zoom & teleconference. Minutes were taken by Cory A. Eaves, Secretary.

Attending via Zoom / Phone

John Greifzu Jr. (Growth Spurt), President
Bill Kneller (Vento Solare), Treasurer & Fleet 6 - New England & Maritimes
Cory A. Eaves (Freedom), Secretary
Bengt Johansson (Zig Zag), Chief Measurer
Heinz Butner (Raptor), Fleet 3 - California & Hawaii
Keith Eickenberg (Blackfin), Fleet 11 - Great Lakes & Lake Champlain
Bob Schwartz (Nordlys)
Julia & George O'Dowd (TBD)
David Rosow (Loki)
Trevor Roach (Incendiary)
Pete Priede (Full Tilt)
Dan Nash (Mistral)
Ray Douglas (Courageous)
Alan Tannous (Melody)
Kate Dichairo
Jeremy Alexis

Welcome

At 7:04, Cory Eaves, Secretary, called the Annual Meeting of the J/109 Class Association to order.

Cory Eaves, took attendance using the Zoom participant panel. It was determined that per the Class Constitution 6.1 and 6.4 a quorum of the Executive Board was not present. Therefore, votes taken were provisional, pending a follow-up vote to be taken by email subsequent to the meeting. The President asked for a motion to approve the 2021 minutes, which are posted on the class website. A vote was taken and the 2021 minutes were unanimously accepted.

President's Report

President John Griefzu, Jr., provided the President's report. Membership for the year remains strong at 62 with 59 owners. Class events have been seeing a comeback as racing returns to normal post-COVID. In particular, the Cedar Point One Design, Columbia YC Colors Regatta, and the North American Championship have seen increased participation. John is in the last year of his term and thanked everyone for their efforts during his tenure.



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Finance Report

Treasurer Bill Kneller provided the finance report. The class is enjoying strong cash flow due to revenue from dues and sail tags. Expenses and net income for the year were in line with expectations at approximately \$5,264 and (\$152.50) respectively. Bill presented the proposed budget for 2023. The required tax filing was done in January and posted on the website. There was a brief discussion of an additional \$6,500 in the 2023 budget for additional regatta support. The 2023 budget was unanimously approved.

Class Measurer's Report

Class Measurer Bengt Johansson provided a report on class measurement and rule activities. Important activities of the Technical Committee over the past year have included an updated North American Checklist to reflect changes implemented in 2022 and a review of lithium-ion batteries, which were not approved.

Inspection of the boats at the North American Championships went smoothly and no major issues were found.

Fleet Captain's Report

Each Fleet Captain was asked to provide a report on the fleet's status and activities. The following fleets provided a report:

Fleet 3 California & Hawaii. Heinz Butner provided a report on the fleet. There has been a resurgence in the fleet, but not all racers have joined the fleet or class. Heinz has been promoting membership and was able to convince two boats to join. A West Coast Championship was held in an effort to build the class. Four to six boats have participated over the course of 3 racing events.

Fleet 6 New England and Maritimes - Bill Kneller provided the fleet report for the northern region. Fleet participation is down in Newport and Buzzard's Bay. John Greifzu, Jr. provided a report on the LIS sound fleet. Fleet participation has been good in LIS.

Fleet 11 Great Lakes & Lake Champlain - Keith Eickenberg provided a fleet report. Fleet participation has been strong and growing. Two new boats have been added to the fleet. The season is concluding with a banquet in two weeks. Pete Priede provided a brief report on the Mackinac race. Ray Douglas provided a brief report on winners of some of their important races.



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North American Championships

John Greifzu, Jr. reported that the 2022 NA's were held at Pequot Yacht Club, hosted by David Rosow. There were 16 boats that participated in 10 light air races, which were very close racing. Teams from Chicago, Newport, and Texas participated. **Emoticon** took first overall and **Zig Zag** took the Corinthian championship.

The 2023 North American Championship will be held at Block Island Race Week on June 19-23, 2023. Registration is currently available via Yachtscoring. Ray Douglas indicated Fleet 11 is hoping to send teams to the 2023 regatta based on their excellent experience at this year's event.

2023 J/109 Regattas

John Greifzu, Jr. highlighted the 2023 event calendar, including the following events:

- **2023 East Coast Regatta Series**
 - Cedar Point OD Regatta (June 3-4) - J/109 OD Class (The mandatory event)
 - Sag Harbor Race Weekend - (July or September dates TBD)
 - Safe Harbor Race Weekend - Newport, RI (August 11-13 as expected dates)
 - 2023 East Coast Championship - AYC Fall Series (Sept. 23-24, Sept. 31-Oct. 1 dates TBD)
- **2023 J/109 North American Championship** 19 - 23 June at Block Island Race Week
- Select Additional Events with J/109 Class Racing or Larger Fleets
 - Long Island Sound
 - AYC Spring Series (Apr. 22-23, Apr. 30 - May 1)
 - Pequot Invitational (Aug. dates TBD)
 - Vineyard Race (Sept. 1-3)
 - Fleet 10 Fall Classic (Oct. TBD)
 - Spring (9-10 June) & Fall (15-16 September) Off Soundings
 - New England
 - New York YC Annual Regatta (June 9-11)
 - Ida Lewis Distance Race (Aug. 18-19)
 - Conanicut YC ATI (Sept. 3)
 - Great Lakes
 - Chicago NOOD (early June)
 - Chicago YC Race to Mackinac (July)
 - Bayview YC Race to Mackinac (July)



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Class Officer Election Results

John Greifzu, Jr. announced the results of the class officers election, for which voting closed on 17 October 2022. The new officers are:

- President - Trevor Roach (Incendiary #168)
- Vice President - Dan Nash (Mistral #71)
- Secretary - Cory Eaves (Freedom #255)
- Treasurer - Julia O-Dowd (TBD #178)

The following positions were also appointed by the Executive Board:

- Class Measurer & Technical Committee Lead – Bengt Johansson (Zig Zag #37)
- Assistant Class Measurer & Technical Committee (Appointed by the President) – Ted Herlihy (Gut Feeling #72)
- Technical Committee (Copyright Holder's representative) – David Rosow (Loki #125)
- At-Large Member – Pete Priede (Full Tilt #249)
- Copyright Holder – Jeff Johnstone (J/Boats President)
- Assistant Treasurer - Bill Kneller (Vento Solare, #266)

Trevor Roach, the incoming President, mentioned his optimism for the upcoming year.

Other Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

All business was completed at 7:51pm with a unanimous vote to end the meeting.

Following the meeting, absent Executive Board Members voted by email, and all votes were ratified.

Submitted by:

Cory Eaves, J/109 Class Association Secretary