

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/6/17

Start: 12:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 12:45 p.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell
Jeff Johnstone
Tracy Brand
Colin Caliban
Jim Connelly
David Irish
Chris Jones
Michael Mayer
Thomas McIntosh
Ryan Ruhlman
Kevin Saedi
Len Siegal
Rod Warren (e-mail proxy)

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Rules Proposals
4. Election of Officers
5. Approval of Class Budget 2018
6. Upcoming Major Events
7. Fleet Business

Description:

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Chris H. welcomed all to the meeting. Len thanked everyone for being on the call and also the Officers for their service. There was a quorum of 12, as noted in the attendance above.

2. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported the 2017 membership numbers:

55 Full members representing 40 boats

3 Associate members

3 Permitted Drivers

Also, 84 sail royalty tags have been sold and/or provided to new owners so far in 2017, and the J/111 Facebook page has 903 followers. The Class Office maintains the Class website and sends periodic e-newsletters.

Regarding sail tags, Chris H. said that he recommends the Class sell the tags directly to the sailmakers, still keeping track of which tags are sold to whom (similar to what the J/105 Class has done). Members will no longer buy sail tags with their memberships. Current sail tags are valid, but starting in 2018, sailmakers will tag the sails at the lofts. Everyone agreed with this new process.

Jeff J. said new boat sales are quiet on all models, especially in North America. But recently, inquiries have risen, including Australia and Japan. There is a lot of interest for the boat on the J/Boats website, and the second-hand market is solid. The last hull # built was 121, and 10 hull #s have been assigned to J/Boats Asia.

3. **Rules Proposals** – Dave Irish prepared the following:

Proposed amendments to the J/111 Class Rule, as approved by the J/111 Class Executive Committee November 2, 2017

Purpose of changes: For World Championship racing, to provide for a “Compensating Weight” to be added to European boats sailing with the lighter plastic jib luff extrusion. The designer of the boat, Alan Johnstone proposed the method, and calculated the weight and its location.

The existing content of C.9.4 is deleted, and is replaced with the following:

C.9.4 STANDING RIGGING

(a) The following forestay and associated rigging configurations are permitted for setting the jib. The Notice of Race may restrict the use to one configuration:

(1) J/111 boats racing in Europe shall be equipped with a plastic luff extrusion system on the forestay, or a furler with aluminum luff extrusion as supplied by the licensed builder.

(2) J/111 boats racing in North America shall be equipped with a roller furling forestay system with aluminum luff extrusion as supplied by the licensed builder. In furling mode the halyard and head of the sail shall be attached to the halyard swivel, and the tack shall be attached to the furling drum. In non-furling mode, the halyard swivel may be located (parked) below the luff feeder and is not used. Either mode is permitted. The tack shall be attached to the furling drum.

(b) When competing in a Class World Championship, J/111 boats configured as in (a) (1), with a plastic luff extrusion, shall be fitted with a 22 Kilogram compensating weight attached to the forward bulkhead, in the anchor locker.

Jeff recapped some of the history of this issue, dating back to the World Championship in Newport, RI, with the goal to equalize the configurations. Len summarized that the Executive Committee has discussed this at length to maintain our International status and ability to hold a World Championship. This proposal is meant to achieve this end. Mike Mayer would prefer if both configurations were allowed.

Dave Irish made a motion to accept the Rules proposal as presented, seconded by Len Siegal. The motion passed, with two voting against (Mike Mayer and Ryan Ruhlman). Rod Warren voted yes via e-mail proxy to Mike Mayer.

Chris said that we can re-visit Mike's idea as a potential Rules proposal next year.

4. **Election of Officers** – The slate for 2018 is as follows:

President: Chris Jones

Vice President: Ryan Ruhlman

Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Connelly

Chief Measurer: David Irish

(Need to identify a Chief Measurer 'trainee' ...suggestions are encouraged)

Member at Large: Kevin Saedi

The Past President will be Len Siegal.

Mike Mayer made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Tracy Brand. The slate passed unanimously. Len extended his appreciation to the Officers.

5. **Approval of Class Budget 2018** – Chris H. circulated the 2017 P&L and 2018 Proposed Budget. The fiscal year is the calendar year so some projections are shown as we complete 2017. The website fee includes the membership database as well as the company that maintains the Class website. The 2018 travel is low because the Class Office is in St. Pete, where the Midwinters will be. *Mike Mayer made a motion to accept the P&L and Budget as presented, seconded by Ryan Ruhlman. The Budget passed unanimously.*

6. **Upcoming Major Events** –

- 2018 Midwinter Championship @ St. Petersburg YC, Florida, January 19-21: Five J/111s are signed up so far...hope we can get a few more.

- 2018 World Championship in The Netherlands, August 18-26: Chris J. said the venue in Holland is excellent. 12-14 European boats are committed, but they need to find charters. To keep this a World Championship, we will need international representation (3 countries, 2 continents) and at least 20 boats total, per World Sailing. This is because there has been two World Championships in a row that did not meet the criteria. Chris H. said there is hope that the World Sailing criteria will be lowered for a boat of this size in the future, but this is where we are right now.

- 2018 North American Championship @ Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, MI, September 18-21:
Tracy said the Notice of Race is posted. 20+ boats are expected. Register at
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=4547>.

7. **Fleet Business** – Mike encouraged the Executive Committee to seek a 2019 World host on Lake Michigan since that is where the most boats are.

Chris J. looks forward to growing our Class going forward.

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Dave will submit the Rules to World Sailing.

Next Meeting: TBA