

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/13/2023

Start: 2:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 2:50 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, Copyright Holder X
Ryan Ruhlman, President
Kevin Saedi, Vice President X
Jeff Davis, Chief Measurer
Peter Wagner, Member At-Large X
Bill Baxter X
Mark & Colin Caliban
James Cooper
Tom Dickson
Bradley Faber
Bernard Girod
Robert Glaser
George Golder X
Carl Hanssen
George Kriese
Abhijeet Lele
Kevin Meier
Roeland Polet X
Stephen Polk
Rob Ruhlman
Jeffrey Schaefer X
Scott Seaholm X
Scott Sellers
Blane Shea X
Michael Morin for Mark Symonds X
Spencer Thomason
Andrew Ward X

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Class Budget
4. Elections
5. Technical Discussion
6. NAC Recap + Future Championships

Description:

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Chris welcomed all to the 2023 Annual Meeting.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris reported that the Class had 28 Full members representing 24 boats this year, plus 7 Associate Members/Permitted Drivers, all North America.
(2022: 27 Full members representing 24 boats, plus 6 Associate Members/Permitted Drivers).
3. **Class Budget** – Chris circulated the J/111 Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2023 and Budget 2024. The sail royalty tag numbers are quite low, so either folks aren't buying sails or the sailmakers are not tagging them. Membership is flat. Peer pressure works best to encourage renewals. It would be great to have more funds to allocate toward marketing/regatta support. Having an organized Class Association protects the boat's value. Bill asked that the Class work with entities such as YRA, Chi/Mac Race and/or PHRF databases to solicit membership. Getting the contact information for owners while boats are changing hands is the most challenging part. The Class membership directory is always live at <https://ij1ca.wildapricot.org/directory>.
Michael Morin made a motion to approve the P&L/Budget as presented, seconded by Scott Seaholm. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Elections –**

President: Ryan Ruhlman

Vice President: Kevin Saedi

Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Wagner

Chief Measurer: Jeff Davis

Member at Large: Blane Shea

Scott Seaholm made a motion to approve the slate as presented, seconded by Michael Morin. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Technical Discussion –** Chris recapped that there are no Rules proposals this year. Jeff J. said inquiries for the boat remain strong. Two used boats are on the market, with high resale value. The goal is to make a three-boat run from J/Composites (indoor molds), but two more orders are needed. Interest in the J/111 has maintained over the past few years. Seattle is becoming stronger, and the Great Lakes is the premier one-design location.

Peter noted that the J/111s are good ORC racers. This process can include boat weighing on a single-point scale. *Skeleton Key's* weighing went efficiently and accurately. He would recommend others do the same and for the Class to accept/track the weight certificates. The lifts may vary slightly, but this should still be the most accurate we can do. Peter clarified that boats get weighed in the same configuration as when racing. Chris agreed this is a great idea for the Class, and owners submit the forms and/or we could create an online input form. Peter stated that the sails used in ORC are the same as one-design, except adding a Code zero. Bill B. wondered about J/111s competing at the ORC Worlds in Newport 2024. Jeff J. believes the J/111s would be with the 40-foot boats, and one-design sails probably wouldn't suffice. He concluded that you can search the ORC database online.

6. **NAC Recap + Upcoming Championships –**

2023 NAC: Chicago Yacht Club hosted in August with seven J/111s as part of the Verve Cup. Probably better moving forward to have this Championship as a stand-alone regatta, particularly for the social aspect.

2024 NAC: Los Angeles Yacht Club from June 6-9. The proposal was distributed to everyone as it contains quite a bit of logistical information to help with your planning. The Notice of Race is currently under review so look for that soon. Peter summarized that the timing should provide a reliable seabreeze. Boats will be berthed together right in front of the club, and expect a broad social schedule. You can get three events in a few weeks including Cal Race Week (two-day event the weekend prior) and Long Beach Race Week is after the NAC. Five California boats have indicated their intention to complete, and more to come. Peter and Jeff J. will talk offline to engage the Seattle fleet. Once the NOR and event website are live, spread the word!

Let's lock in 2025 and 2026. Bill B. suggested Block Island or Newport in 2025. Then perhaps back to the Great Lakes in 2026, such as Bayview or Harbor Springs.

Come on down to the Southernmost Regatta in Key West in January. Six J/111s are currently entered. Details at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15741>

Action Items:

--Boat owners will send their ORC weight certificates to the Class Office.

Next Meeting: TBD